



ANNUAL REPORT

2012/2013



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MISSION STATEMENT

Mission:

To provide our Community with safe reliable water
at the lowest sustainable cost.

Goals include:

- (a) The provision of appropriate levels of service, building on our reputation, and providing a comprehensive water supply to customers.
- (b) Operation, maintenance and construction of assets to meet levels of service, incorporating continuous improvement / quality processes.
- (c) Recognition, training and care of our human resources to maximise effective skills and job satisfaction.
- (d) Financial policy and pricing that is both effective (in what it produces) and efficient (in what it costs).
- (e) Protecting the community and the environment as a good corporate citizen.

RIVERINA WATER COUNTY COUNCIL



DIRECTORY

HEADQUARTERS	91 Hammond Ave, Wagga Wagga
POSTAL ADDRESS	PO Box 456, Wagga Wagga 2650
E-MAIL ADDRESS	admin@rwcc.nsw.gov.au
WEB ADDRESS	www.rwcc.nsw.gov.au
TELEPHONE	(02) 6922 0608
OFFICE HOURS	8.30 am to 4.00 pm, Monday to Friday
BANKERS	National Australia Bank Ltd
SOLICITORS	Commins Hendriks
EXTERNAL AUDITORS	John L. Bush & Campbell, Wagga Wagga
INTERNAL AUDITORS	Wagga Wagga City Council

RIVERINA WATER COUNTY COUNCIL

For the construction, operation and maintenance of works of water supply
within the Shires of Lockhart, Urana and Part Greater Hume
and the City of Wagga Wagga.

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1st July 2012 to 24th October 2012

COUNCILLORS



Clr. Rod Kendall
Wagga Wagga
Chairperson

Clr. John McInerney
Greater Hume Shire
Deputy Chairperson

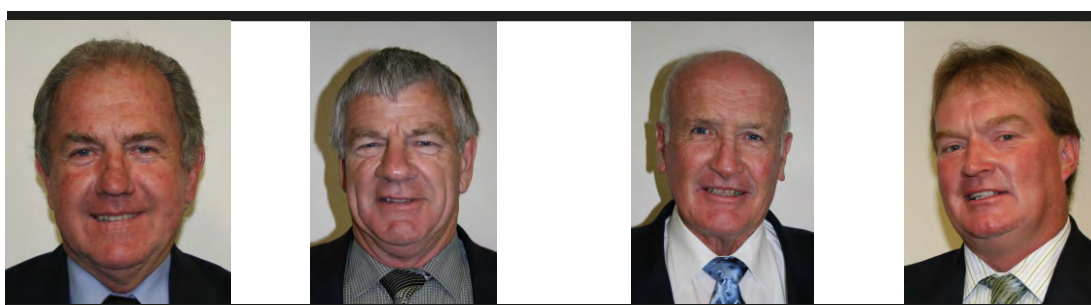


Clr. Alan Brown
Wagga Wagga

Clr. Wayne Geale OAM
Wagga Wagga

Clr. Ray Goodlass
Wagga Wagga
Retired February 2012

Clr. Lindsay Vidler
Wagga Wagga



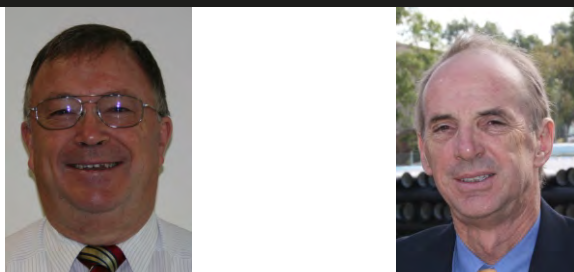
Clr. Garry Hiscock
Wagga Wagga
April to June 2012

Clr. Ian Kreutzberger
Urana Shire Council

Clr. John Ross
Greater Hume Shire

Clr. Peter Yates
Lockhart Shire Council

MANAGERS



Graeme Haley
General Manager

Greg Finlayson
Director of Engineering

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24th October 2012 to 30th June 2013

COUNCILLORS



Clr. Garry Hiscock
Wagga Wagga
Chairperson

Clr. John McInerney
Greater Hume Shire
Deputy Chairperson

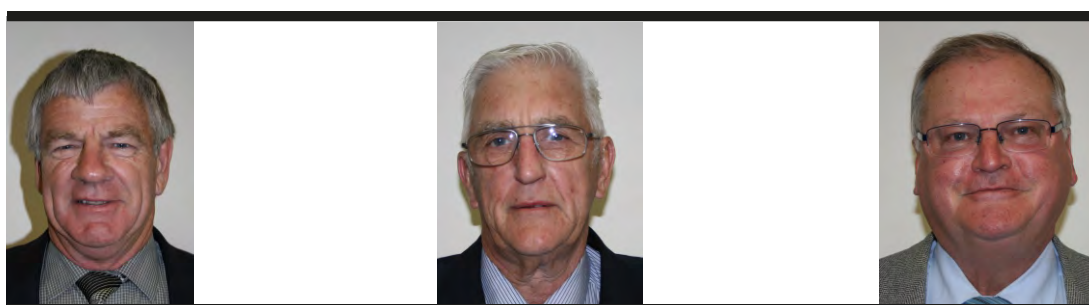


Clr. Rod Kendall
Wagga Wagga

Clr. Andrew Negline
Wagga Wagga

Clr. Kerry Pascoe
Wagga Wagga

Clr. Kevin Poynter
Wagga Wagga

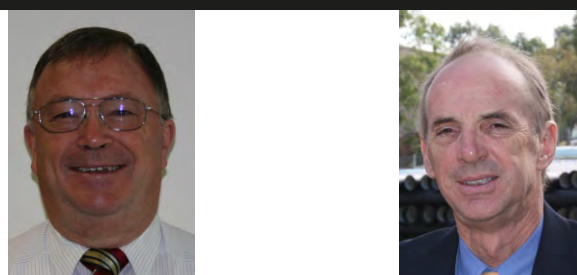


Clr. Ian Kreutzberger
Urana Shire Council

Clr. Doug Meyer OAM
Greater Hume Shire

Clr. Greg Verdon
Lockhart Shire Council

MANAGERS



Graeme Haley
General Manager

Greg Finlayson
Director of Engineering

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON 24th October 2012



Clr. John McInerney Deputy Chairperson
and Clr. Garry Hiscock Chairperson
elected at Council's Meeting held
24th October 2012

APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR Stephen McIntyre 2nd Year Electrical



GTES General Manager Tim Phelps with
2nd Year Apprentice of the Year
Stephen McIntyre
at GTES Apprentice & Trainee Awards
2012

TAFE NSW Riverina institute Awards 22nd March 2013



Institute Director Kerry Penton,
Sarah Cochrane recipient of
Institute Environment, Forest and
Primary Industries Excellence
Award sponsored by Riverina
Water County Council and
Graeme Haley, General Manager

Internal Auditors tour Riverina Water's facilities

Naomi Stuart (Wagga Wagga City Council),
Steven Watson, Clr. Kevin Poynter and
Phil Swaffield (Wagga Wagga City Council)





OFFICIAL OPENING OF NEW WORKSHOP

by Chairperson Clr. Garry Hiscock and
Senior Technical Officer Dennis Glazier,
on 14th December 2012



Senior Project Engineer Greg Vidler
welcomes staff and guests
to inspect the new Workshop



New elected Councillors tour
Riverina Water County Council
Facilities
prior to Official Opening of new
Workshop

WIOA CONFERENCE CANBERRA 9th - 12th APRIL 2013

A number of Riverina Water staff attended the 7th Annual Water Industry Conference and Exhibition in Canberra recently. WIOA was formed originally in Victoria and is now a very strong national organisation with a wide membership including operators, team leaders, senior supervisors, tradespersons and technical staff of water utilities.

In recent years Riverina Water staff have presented papers and have been successful in winning awards for these presentations on a number of previous occasions. I am pleased to report that in 2013 our two presenters both were judged best in their categories.

Our Works Supervisor, Leigh Trevaskis, won Best Paper by an Operator and was awarded a prize and an invitation to present his paper to the Queensland conference in Brisbane. This paper was on the emerging issue of utility conflict with telcos in the road reserve and was very well received by his counterparts in other water utilities.

Brenden Bates, who is the project manager for the Nature Strip Rebate Scheme, presented a poster on demand management, and won Best Poster by an Operator. Last year Brenden won best paper for his presentation on another Riverina Water innovation, the water filling stations.

Riverina Water can be well pleased with the efforts these staff have put into promoting our organisations good practices and the success they have achieved and should be recognised accordingly.



Best Paper by Operator 1st

WIOA EO George Wall congratulates
Brenden Bates



Ecolab Best paper by Operator 1st

Alex Maderasai congratulates
Leigh Trevaskis

YEARS OF SERVICE

Certificates presented to
Richard Menz, Jeremy Thain and
Leanne Hastings
for 5 years service
presented at Council's Christmas
Get-together
Friday 10th December 2012



WALK 4 WATER

Riverina Water staff and family members
participated in Walk 4 Water
to raise money for WaterAid
Staff gathered outside admin building for
promotional work for local TV station on
27th February 2013

Graeme Haley, General Manager,
talks to local TV station about
Water 4 Water and Water Aid and
Riverina Water's participation.



RIVERINA WATER'S NATURESTRIP PROGRAM FINALIST IN GREEN GLOBE AWARDS 2013



**RIVERINA URBAN
NATURE STRIP**
Lawn Replacement
Rebate Scheme

Riverina Water County Council - Urban Nature Strip Lawn Replacement Rebate Scheme

Summer demand for water rises substantially due to outdoor irrigation of landscapes, reaching in excess of four times that of base winter demands. On a peak summer day it is estimated that 70% of water demand is just to keep lawns alive. A new 30-year strategy has been developed by [Riverina Water](#) external link and this places greater emphasis on demand management. This plan recognises the cap on future groundwater abstractions and the anticipated impact of the Murray Darling Basin Plan on future surface water availability. The Riverina Urban Nature Strip Lawn Replacement Rebate Scheme was developed as a pioneering outdoor demand management measure, with the overall aim to change the way people use water. The ongoing cultural change will, in time, extend beyond the rebated nature strips to front and back lawns. This nature strip program underpins Riverina Water's demand management strategy. This scheme can be a model for many other towns with similar dry climates. The Nature Strip Rebate Scheme offers financial incentives for Riverina Water customers to replace lawn on their nature strips with an approved water efficient design. The scheme to date has offered \$879,764 in rebates with 307 customers replacing their nature strips.



Before



After



Before



After



Naturestrip Officer Michael Daley measuring up

COUNCILLORS – TERM OF OFFICE

Blackett, Dennis	Wagga Wagga	1 st July 1997 to 1999
Brassil AM, Patrick	Wagga Wagga	1 st July 1997 to 27 th March 2004
Brown, Alan	Wagga Wagga	Sept 2008 to October 2012
Coghill, Ian	Urana	1 st July 1997 to October 2003
Dale, Peter	Wagga Wagga	1 st July 1997 to March 2004
Edwards, Ross	Lockhart	1 st July 1997 to 1999
Fifield AM, Alan	Culcairn	28 th Sept 1999 to 26 th May 2004
Geale OAM, Wayne	Wagga Wagga	Sept 2008 to October 2012
Georgiou, Michael	Wagga Wagga	25 th Oct 1999 to April 2004
Goodlass, Ray	Wagga Wagga	Sept 2008 to February 2012
Harding, John	Wagga Wagga	25 th Oct 1999 to April 2004
Hiscock, Garry	Wagga Wagga	April 2012 to Current
Kendall, Rod	Wagga Wagga	April 2004 to Current
Kidson, Mary	Wagga Wagga	1 st July 1997 to 1999
Kotzur, Elwyn	Culcairn	1 st July 1997 to 1999
Kreutzberger, Ian	Urana	April 2004 to Current
McInerney, John	Holbrook	22 nd Sept 1999 to 26 th May 2004
McInerney, John	Greater Hume	27th April 2005 to Current
Meyer OAM, Doug	Greater Hume Shire	October 2012 to Current
Negline, Andrew	Wagga Wagga	October 2012 to Current
Pascoe, Kerry	Wagga Wagga	October 2012 to Current
Peardon, Robert	Holbrook	1 st July 1997 to 1999
Poynter, Kevin	Wagga Wagga	October 2012 to Current
Ross, John	Greater Hume Shire	27 th April 2005 to October 2012
Sexton, David	Administrator, Greater Hume Shire	26 th May 2004 to 23 rd Feb 2005
Simpson, Diana	Wagga Wagga	April 2004 to Sept 2008
Wright, Karen	Wagga Wagga	April 2004 to Sept 2008
Verdon, Greg	Lockhart	October 2012 to Current
Vidler, Lindsay	Wagga Wagga	1 st July 1997 to October 2012
Wales, Kevin	Wagga Wagga	April 2004 to September 2008
Yates, Peter	Lockhart	20 th Sept 1999 to October 2012

Chairperson

Brassil, AM, Patrick	1 st July 1997 to 27 th March 2004
Vidler, Lindsay	10 th May 2004 to 31 st Oct 2007
Yates, Peter	31 st Oct 2007 to Oct 2008
Kendall, Rod	Oct 2008 to Oct 2012
Hiscock, Garry	October 2012 to current

Deputy Chairperson

Coghill, Ian	1 st July 1997 to Oct 2003
Yates, Peter	Oct 2003 to 31 st Oct 2007 & Oct 2010 to Oct 2011
Kendall, Rod	31 st Oct 2007 to Oct 2008
McInerney, John	Oct 2008 to Oct 2010 & Oct 2011 to present

General Manager

Haley, Graeme	17 th January 2011 to present
Pieper, Gerald	1 st July 1997 to 14 th January 2011

Senior Staff:

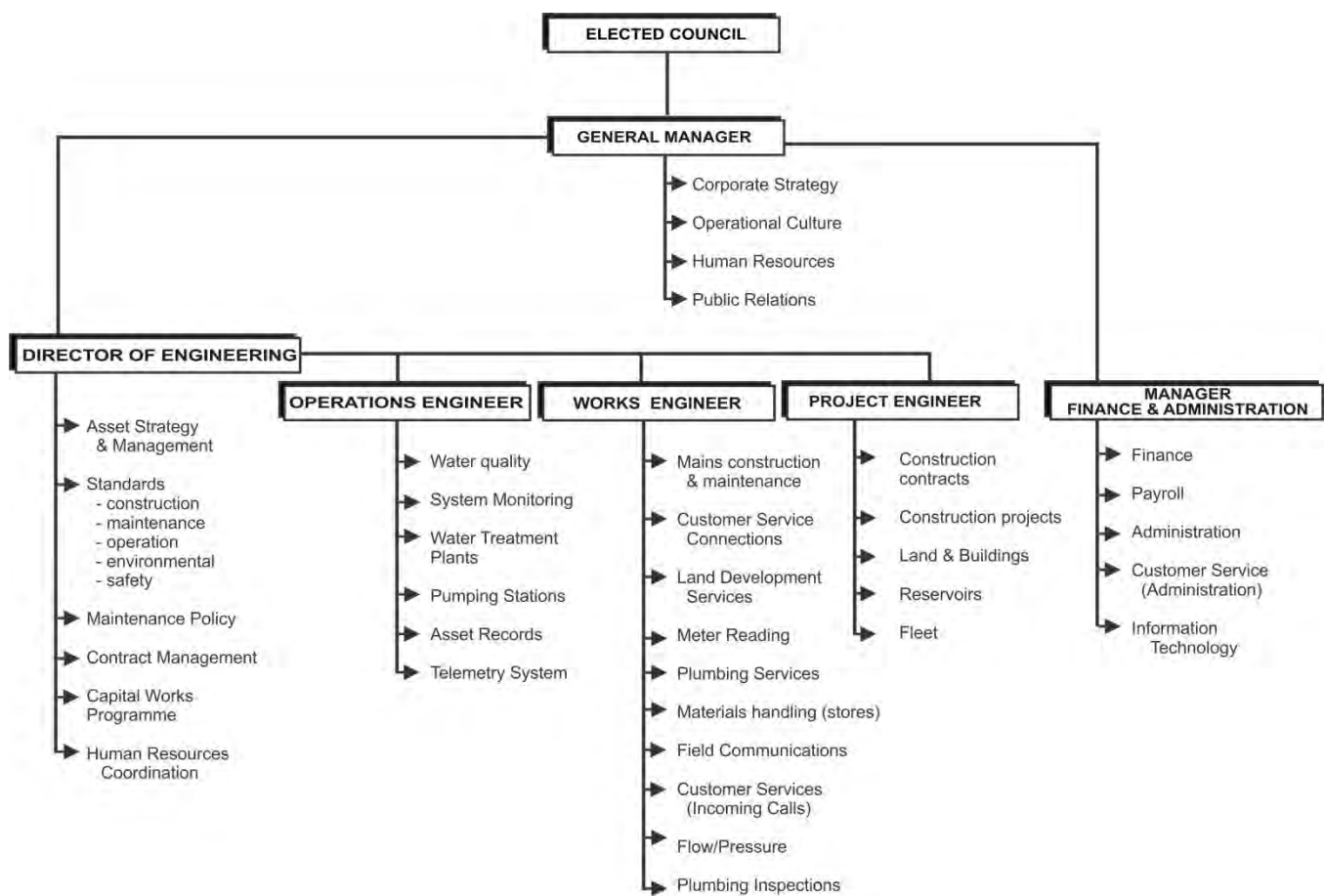
Nash, Murray (Director of Engineering)	1 st July 1997 to 14 th May 2004
Clifton, Peter (Director of Engineering)	10 th May 2004 to 3 rd July 2009
Finlayson, Greg (Director of Engineering)	29 th June 2009 to Current

MEETING ATTENDANCE 2012/2013

COUNCILLOR	NUMBER OF MEETINGS	ATTENDANCE
Alan Brown	1	1
Wayne Geale OAM	1	1
Garry Hiscock	7	7
Rod Kendall	7	5
Ian Kreutzberger	7	6
Doug Meyer OAM	6	4
John McInerney	7	7
Andrew Negline	6	5
Kerry Pascoe	6	5
Kevin Poynter	6	6
John Ross	1	1
Greg Verdon	6	4
Lindsay Vidler	1	1
Peter Yates	1	0

INTRODUCTION

ORGANISATION STRUCTURE



CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE 2012/2013

The variable weather patterns of recent years continue. Following many years of drought the region had two very wet summers. This weather resulted in lower than normal water sales. The past summer returned the dryer patterns of earlier years.

The higher water sales that resulted from the dryer weather patterns over summer helped ease the problems caused to Council's cash flow in the two previous years. While Council's relatively low water charges meant that there was no windfall increase in our financial position, the increase in water sales did help offset the relative cost of fixed charges that the Council must meet.

Finances

As has been publicised widely in the media, Riverina Water County Council has committed itself to the construction of a replacement Water Treatment Plant in Wagga Wagga. This will ensure that we can meet demands for high quality water, sourced from the Murrumbidgee River, well into the future. This key capital project has resulted in the Council borrowing \$15 million in the past year. Even though Riverina Water County Council was fortunate enough to receive a subsidy for the interest on this loan, under the State Government Local Infrastructure Renewal Scheme, it is still a substantial financial commitment. Since the anticipated cost of the new Water Treatment Plant is expected to be in excess of \$40 million, additional substantial loans will be required over the next few years. This has in part contributed to the increase in the basic cost of water by 10% in Wagga Wagga and in non-urban areas. It is anticipated that increases will be required over the next several years to allow RWCC to continue trading on a sound financial basis whilst improving our infrastructure.

Strategy

Following the completion of our Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan in 2011 work has continued on key components of the plan. Construction was completed on a new workshop at our Hammond Avenue site. This will free up space for the construction of the proposed new Water Treatment Plant at Wagga Wagga. A feasibility study, looking at a number of options for this plant has been completed. A Tender has been recently accepted for the concept design of the plant. It is anticipated that tenders for the detailed design and construction of this plant will proceed in the coming financial year. It is also envisaged that a new major reservoir will be constructed south of Wagga Wagga to serve the future needs of rural consumers served by the Southern Trunk Main System. During the completion of Council's Strategic Business Plan, a long term Asset Management Plan has been prepared. This has been integrated with a Long Term Financial Plan and Staff Resourcing Plan. As mentioned above I expect that a program of moderate ongoing water price increases will be required.

Lawn Replacement Program

Riverina Water, supported by the Australian Government's Strengthening Basin Communities Program, undertook a very successful Urban Nature Strip Lawn Replacement Program. This program, which concluded on 30 June 2013, resulted in over 400 applicants being subsidised to replace a total of 50,000 square metres of nature strip lawn with water efficient alternatives. It is anticipated that this program will result in a change in culture in our region, so residents become more aware of water efficient alternatives to lawn, not only in the nature strip adjacent to their homes, but in their gardens as well.

Water Quality

The availability of good quality drinking water remains one of the most important factors in the ongoing good health of any population. Put simply, poor quality water can kill. RWCC continues to be a leading supplier of the highest standard drinking water. I acknowledge the ongoing dedication, commitment and hard work of all our employees. I thank them all for all they have achieved in this eventful year.

In Conclusion

We are fortunate to have an experienced and diverse board that provides strong support and challenge to our executive team. The board has continued to provide a sound and supportive base to RWCC and myself. I wish to acknowledge them all for their commitment to RWCC. There were a number of changes to the board at last year's Local Government Elections. The new Council is working well as a team to follow on from the dedicated work of earlier Councils. Finally I wish to acknowledge our constituent Councils and all of our customers for the support they give to us.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Garry Hiscock", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Clr. Garry Hiscock
CHAIRPERSON

NATIONAL COMPETITION POLICY

The Commonwealth State and Territory Governments endorsed National Competition Policy through a series of inter-governmental agreements in 1995. The State Governments were given the responsibility to ensure that the National Competition Principles were applied to the Local Government authorities under their jurisdiction.

In June 1996 the New South Wales Government released a Policy Statement on the Application of National Competition Policy to Local Government. Under the guidelines established by the State Government the following actions have to be undertaken by Councils within New South Wales:

i) Identify Council's business activities and categorise them in accordance with the guidelines:

The New South Wales Government proposes two categories of business activities – Category 1 Businesses (which have annual sales turnover/annual gross operating income of \$2M and above) and Category 2 Business (which have annual sales turnover/annual gross operating income less than \$2M). The treatment that Councils have to apply to each of these business categories varies, with the Category 1 Businesses being subject to more detailed requirements. Council's activity is a Category 1 business.

ii) Creation of a complaints mechanism to deal with a competitive neutrality complaints.

Council has developed a complaints management system.

iii) Application of tax equivalents, debt guarantee fees and dividend payments.

As one of the intentions of the National Competition Policy is to provide a "level playing field" between Council's business activities and those provided by the private sector. The guidelines require calculations to be made to determine tax equivalents, debt guarantee fees (where the activity may obtain a lower borrowing rate than it may have faced if it were a private organisation) and dividends. These calculations do not have to appear in Council's external accounting processes but need to be calculated and recognised in Council's internal accounting arrangements. Calculations have been completed and included in the statistical notes of the financial statements for the 2012/13 financial year.

iv) Separation of the costs associated with operating a business activity.

A business undertaking must have its accounting and other operations structured in such a way as to provide a distinct reporting framework. This means that all the costs, both direct and indirect, associated with that business activity must be allocated to it.

v) The Council has not received any complaints in respect of Competition Neutrality during 2012/2013.

COUNCILLORS' FEES, FACILITIES AND EXPENSES

Section 428 (2) (f)

Chairperson's Allowance	\$ 8,400
Councillors' Fees	\$46,062
Councillors' Expenses	\$ 4,130
Conference / Seminar Fees	\$ 3,224
Spouse/Partner Conference expenses	\$ 117

Council's Policy in respect of these matters is detailed below.

POLICY 5.3 - COUNCILLORS' EXPENSES & FACILITIES

POLICY TITLE

Payment of Councillors' and Chairperson's Fees, Expenses and Facilities

OBJECTIVES:

To define, in conformity with the requirements of the Local Government Act, 1993, the Council's policy on the provision of facilities for and the payment of expenses to Councillors and the Chairperson.

POLICY STATEMENT:

That in accordance with Division 5 of Chapter 9 of the Local Government Act (as amended) 1993, the Council pay fees and adopt the following policies concerning the payment of expenses incurred or to be incurred by Councillors and the provision of facilities to the Chairperson and some other Councillors in relation to discharging the functions of the County Council:

1. During the month of June in each year, the Council will review the fees and expenses paid to or facilities provided for the Chairperson and Councillors and determine the amounts to be paid for the ensuing year.
2. The amount of the annual fee for the Chairperson and Councillors will take into account the minimum and maximum amount determined by the Remuneration Tribunal and will be paid monthly in arrears.
3. The amount of expenses for conveyance by car will be determined by the rates provided in the Council's Award and will be paid monthly in arrears.
4. Provided that where a Councillor ceases to be the Chairperson, the fee to be paid will be calculated on a daily basis for the proportion of the month that the Councillor remained the Chairperson.
5. Similarly, where a Councillor is elected Chairperson, the fee to be paid will be calculated on a daily basis for the proportion of the month in which the Councillor became Chairperson.
6. Expenses incurred in attendance, authorised by the Chairperson or Council, at conference, seminars, training sessions, inspections and other authorised activities in relation to discharging of functions of the County Council, shall be conference etc., registration fee plus accommodation costs plus reasonable meal and out-of-pocket costs as verified by documentation normally required in accordance with internal audit procedures. Expenses incurred of spouses, partners or accompanying persons associated with attendance of conferences be the cost of registration and the official conference dinners.
7. Facilities will be provided to allow the Chairperson to discharge the functions of the County Council by way of the necessary administrative services. The Chairperson is to be provided with a facsimile machine for the purpose of facilitating communication.

PERSONNEL & DELEGATION

EMPLOYMENT OF SENIOR STAFF

Section 428 (2) (g)

During the year 2012/2013 Council employed two senior staff, the General Manager and Director of Engineering, at a total remuneration cost of \$397,000 including salaries, superannuation, private use of a Council car and fringe benefits tax.

HUMAN RESOURCE ACTIVITIES - UNDERTAKEN BY COUNCIL

Section 428 (2) (m)

Riverina Water employs a workforce of 91 people to carry out the range of responsibilities in administering the organisation and supplying water to the communities. From time to time this workforce is supplemented by a small number of temporary staff. Two (2) apprentices have been employed during the year through G.T.E.S.

Riverina Water's commitment to developing a skilled workforce is demonstrated in its apprenticeship and trainee program. Apprentices are employed in the Electrical (1) and Welding (1) trades. Trainees are employed in Maintenance Operations (2). These four (4) apprentice/trainee positions represent 5% of Council's staff.

The General Manager and Director of Engineering are senior staff positions as defined in the Act.

	Admin	Engineering	Waterworks	Depot Base	Rural	Totals
Perm. June 2012	9	10	20	42	7	88
Temp. June 2012						
TOTAL June 2012	9	12	20	42	7	90
Retired						
Resigned		1	1	1		3
Terminated						
Appointed		2		1		3
Casual	1	2				2
Internal Transfer				-1		-1
Transfer to Perm.						
Temp. Appointed		2		1		3
Temp. Terminated		1	1	1		2
Perm. June 2013	10	14	19	41	7	91
Temp. June 2013		2				2
TOTAL June 2013	10	16	19	41	7	93

Recruitment practices follow the EEO guidelines.

Training

Staff training is a significant part of our human resources activity, and in addition to on-the-job training a number of specific courses were undertaken to a training plan, throughout the year. Essential training costs are met in full, and assistance is also given to staff undertaking desirable (extra) training.

Training Undertaken 2012/2013

TRAINING COURSE	NUMBER OF
First Aid	1
First Aid Refresher	17
Coagulant & flocculation training	1
Working at Heights Training	19
Traffic Control – Red Card	17
Managing and Supervision	3
HSR Committee Training	4
HSR – Bridging Course	2
WorkCover Licence – C6 Crane	3
WorkCover Licence – Dogging	2
Filtration Training	1
Truck Licence – HR	2
Competency Training – Backhoe	1
Competency Training – Excavator	1
Body Electrical Systems	2
Authorised Contractor Training	1
Dangerous Goods Licence	2
Chemical Contaminants in Water	2
Plumbing inspection Techniques	1
Railway PO1 Officer Training	1
Advanced Word – Computing	2
Intermediate Word – Computing	2
Intermediate Excel – Computing	1
PDF Manage/Create – Computing	3
Computer skills for over50's – computing	1
Munsy's Training – Computing	3
AutoCad 2013 – computing	7
AutoCad Civil 3D – Computing	5
Microsoft Office 2010 – computing	7
WIOA Operators Conference	6
WIOA Trade Exhibition	5
TOTAL	136

Enterprise Award

In 2009/2010 A revised enterprise award was negotiated with the various unions. Riverina Water County Council Enterprise Award 2010 continues the concept of an effective and cohesive workplace, and covers a three year which commenced July 2010.

The Revised Riverina Water County Council Enterprise Award has been signed off by all concerned parties and has been registered with the Industrial Relations Tribunal.

Remuneration to all staff is based on a logical and fair system, commensurate with modern base standards and practices. The system includes an annual review of skills attained and used.”

A new Enterprise Award was negotiated between March and June 2013, and will be in place for the second half of 2013 for a period of 3 years.

Staff Committees

A number of staff committees have operated successfully throughout the year, each making an important contribution to the operation of the organisation.

- Occupational Health & Safety Committee
- Staff Consultative Committee
- Promotional Committee

Occupational Health and Safety Management 2012 - 2013

Fundamental changes were made to Workers Compensation Legislation this year including benefits, claims and how injured workers are supported within the scheme. From 1st October 2012 if an injured worker is assessed as having some capacity to work, an employer must (as far as is reasonably practicable) find suitable employment for them. Under the new workers compensation laws, work capacity assessments will be introduced to give workers and employers a better understanding of an injured worker's capacity for work. Returning to work as soon as it is safe to do so, promotes faster recovery and can reduce the risk of long term disability and loss of workplace productivity. However, for those unable to return to their pre-injury job, WorkCover has a range of vocational rehabilitation programs to help workers return to suitable employment. Initiatives such as work trials, retraining, funding for equipment and workplace modifications, as well as incentives for new employers to hire injured workers. Riverina Water also attempts to focus on a worker's skills and experience, including options for re-training if possible.

WHS Goals & Objectives 2012/2013

Riverina Water's WHS goal for 2012/13 was **to continually improve on our WHS performance – to be achieved through eliminating unsafe work conditions and/or actions** which would result in providing a safe workplace and safe systems of work. Our aim over the period 1st July, 2012 – 30th June, 2013 was to implement or continue with the following strategies to achieve the overall objective / goal for this 12-month period and to ensure to compliance with the WHS Act and regulations introduced 1st January 2012.

Objectives	Means of achieving	Target/Measure
Continue promotion of responsibilities within the WHS Management System	Promote WHS responsibilities to all staff through regular Newsflash articles and induction processes.	WHS responsibilities undertaken by all staff. Can be measured through annual staff evaluations.
Continued promotion of responsibilities achieved through regular Newsflash articles and induction of all new employees. Recommended that we improve the WHS element of the staff evaluation process.		
Provide effective staff support through provision of appropriate and sufficient resources.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular discussion with work teams on needs. Ensure monitoring of human resources & equipment. 	Minutes of meetings or discussions between employees and supervisors/managers.
New staff employed in engineering section. Sufficient resources provided for work teams.		
Improve Communication and Consultation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue promotion of "Take & Break & Talk Safety" & incentive by way of rewards (i.e. Kit Kats / Fruit / Luncheon) New requirement for manager to attend at least one meeting per team per quarter. Provide timely and appropriate feedback. 	<p>All monthly meetings were held with all work teams with documented evidence being provided by Supervisors.</p> <p>Team meetings sheets show manager attendance. (1 per quarter)</p> <p>Outstanding issues raised are discussed with management & outcomes reached with feedback directly to the work team within a reasonable time frame.</p> <p>Diary or other appropriate recording of meetings with timely feedback to employees on raised issues.</p>
All teams completed required number of monthly team meetings. Not all department managers able to attend full quota of meetings as planned. Most issues corrected or feedback provided within a reasonable time-frame but some issues still outstanding.		
Develop & Review Safe Work Procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review, reformat & consolidate existing SWMS Ongoing review of WHS Policies & procedures with a view to their effectiveness and legal compliance 	<p>Up to date supervisor manuals.</p> <p>Review all current policies/procedures within 12 months</p> <p>Review new WHS Act and Regulations.</p>
Procedure reviews up to date. Management team working on a new process for review and training of internal procedures. Information provided to employees and management on requirements of the new WHS legislation.		
Develop & complete an annual CIAP (Continuous Improvement Action Plan)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop CIAP in consultation with Management following annual audits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Internal audits - StateCover Self Evaluation Tool - & manager's consultation with work groups 	CIAP developed & progress made on required actions

CIAP is an ongoing exercise with some items completed. Manager input on the development and action of items has been improved.

Identification of hazards & elimination/reduction of risks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workplace inspections to be undertaken every 4-6 months • Timely reporting of accident/incidents/near misses • Improved investigation reports. • Manager involvement and response to incidents • Hazard register in place & reviewed regularly 	<p>Inspection schedules up to date. Identified issues controlled within an appropriate time frame.</p> <p>Most reports and investigations received within the required timeframes Processes reviewed to gain improvements.</p>
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Overall reporting is very good. Some items still reported late and reports being submitted outside of the nominated time. Investigation process is still below standard in some cases. Managers working with supervisors to improve the standard. Further training to be provided for investigations.

Continue on-going WHS training of new & existing staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake inductions of new staff. • Continue internal and external training programs for staff. • As procedures/SWMS are released, appropriate training or instruction is given. 	<p>Induction & review of all new staff (evidence available through completion of Individual Induction Booklets).</p> <p>Annual training plan in place and skills gap analysis.</p> <p>Training record sheets received & skills database updated.</p>
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WHS training is kept up to date in most cases. Procedure training and review process is currently being looked at and will be improved.

Improve Safety Culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuous promotion and monitoring of safety performance • Ensure follow up actions are scheduled and implemented where incident investigations identify employee actions are less than desired • Senior staff to lead by example ('walk the talk') • Continue with Watch Out Award 	<p>Noticeable reduction in incidents relating to human factors.</p> <p>Noticeable increase in senior staff presence on job sites and areas outside of office.</p> <p>All incident reports involving human error element have follow up actions planned and implemented.</p> <p>Committee endorsed \$ Award continuation.</p>
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WHS continually promoted in various forms. Improved lost time incident figures this year. Managers attending job sites at least once per month for site audit. Watch Out award still operating but further incentive schemes being discussed. Still some human error involved in reported incidents.

Maintain & Improve Health & Well Being of Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue with \$100 health incentive subsidy • Provision of EAP program 	<p>"Take up" of staff into fitness programs e.g. walking, cycling sports etc. outside of work hours. Subsidy promoted.</p>
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Approximately 20% staff utilisation of \$100 health incentive. EAP is being utilised.

ACHIEVEMENTS THIS YEAR

- Safety breakfast in October, raising the awareness of road safety
- Safety Crossword competition to promote Driver Awareness
- \$100 safety incentive continues to help employees engage in health related activities
- Bowel cancer awareness seminar
- Pink Ribbon Breast Cancer morning tea/fundraiser/seminar
- Promotion of Free Parenting Advice from NSW Govt information online
- Promotion of Website for information for Anxiety & Depression
- Circulation of Loss of Licence policy
- Circulation of Drug & Alcohol policy
- Walk for Water Pedometer Challenge
- Smoke free environment policy revised and circulated
- Contractor Management Procedures released
- Ongoing promotion of RWCC's EAP program
- Used bra's collected to support women overseas in disadvantaged countries
- Survey of interest to gauge employee's interest in health topics
- Procedure and policy updates and reviews
- Proposal for a more structured workplace health & safety program provided to Management & Executive committee for consideration
- Safety issue resolution flow chart adopted
- All work teams consistently met for their safety meetings on a monthly basis, so were all rewarded with a team luncheon
- Riverina Water joined up to "Club Red" group blood donations
- Annual Flu vaccinations onsite during March
- Skin cancer screening 16/17/18th April

Engineering controls of risk

- Widening and sealing of entrance road at Hammond Avenue
- Location of services at Hammond Avenue which were then surveyed and drawn up on detailed site plan
- Replace steel pit lids at 12 locations with lighter aluminium pit lids
- Walla reservoir roof replacement and access upgrade
- Relocation of parking barriers at workshop to provide a pedestrian walkway.

Safety related projects for the past year include:

Watchout Safety Incentive Award Recipients

This is the ELEVENTH year for the safety incentive award program, with RWCC taking over the sole sponsorship of this event after the withdrawal of WMCU funding for this initiative.

Oct/Nov 2012 Awarded to Ken McGilvray (Pipelayer/Truck Driver)

6 x 4 trailer that is used for carrying large amounts of diesel fuel has no signage or fire extinguisher on board, it is suggested that a suitable extinguisher and signage be installed.

- Dec 2012 Awarded to Electrical Team**
Trip hazard – in the Wagga pump house between low level no. 4 motor and switchboards a definite trip hazard had been identified by the electrical team. The solution to the problem was to manufacture a plate and ensure it was flush with the rest of the floor.
- Dec 2012 Awarded to Zane Cronk (Welder)**
A holder was made for the oxy torch on the side of the oxy trolley. It stops the torch from falling and getting damaged. It also saves the torch from hanging on the hoses and causing the fittings to leak and be unsafe.
- Dec 2012 Mark Carroll (Water Supply Plant Operator) & Jeremy Thain (Maintenance Operator).**
The probe on the truck, which is used to locate the mains, is not insulated. Safety concern that if it gets in contact with any live object could cause electrocution. Handle has now been insulated to prevent any risk.

RIVERINA WATER'S WORKERS COMPENSATION PERFORMANCE

During June 2012 Judi set up a "road tour" with each work group to ensure they were fully informed of all the changes that were due to take effect under the NSW Workers Compensation Changes – taking the safety message from the office to the workshop areas. The new reformed legislation focuses on encouraging and assisting early return to work, and providing better financial support for seriously injured workers.

A key benchmark of RWCC's Workers compensation performance is comparing our statistics to figures within the entire StateCover (Insurance) group.

Benchmark	StateCover Average	RWCC's performance
Average Premium Rate	3.69%	3.62%
Lost Time Injury Rate	4.14%	3.16%
Injuries reported within 2 business days	80.09%	100%
WHS Self Audit	66.80%	85.80%

These results reflect that RWCC is performing better in all categories, when compared directly with the Scheme average.

Last year RWCC lost 53 full working days due to workplace injuries, year to date 20 days, a significant reduction of 62%.

These results are influenced by employee's identification of hazards, following safety procedures, maintaining their fitness for work, just to name a few. Once an injury has occurred they can influence the claim costs by early reporting of the incident, prompt return to work, and participation in return to work programs.

All staff should be commended for their efforts so far this year in reducing workplace injuries and keeping claims costs down. The true cost of an injury is perhaps the most significant, that being personal injury, suffering, and perhaps longer term pain and loss of mobility. No amount of monetary compensation is worth having to live the rest of your life in pain, or with reduced capacity, due to an injury.

A team effort can help protect ourselves as well as our work colleagues.



SUPPORTING WORKPLACE SAFETY “Watchout” Safety Incentive Scheme SAFETY AWARD WINNERS

**WATCHOUT AWARD
FOR SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2012
WENT TO
Ken McGilvray**

6x4 trailer that is used for carrying large amounts of diesel fuel has no signage or fire extinguisher on board, it is suggested that a suitable extinguisher and signage be installed. Which has been implemented.



Graeme Haley, General Manager presenting Ken McGilvray with his cheque and certificate, watched by Daryl Ryan (WHS Coordinator)

**WATCHOUT AWARD
FOR NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2012
WENT TO
Electrical Team, Zane Cronk, Mark
Carroll and Jeremy Thain**



L-R Craig Price, Dennis Glazier, Stephen McIntyre, Bryce McDonnell, Andrew Clarke, Dermot McCormack, Zane Cronk with Graeme Haley (Absent Robert Gardner)



Mark Carroll, Jeremy Thain and Graeme Haley

Electrical Team – Trip Hazard – in the Wagga Pumphouse between Low Level No 4 motor and switchboards a definite trip hazard has been identified by the electrical team. The solution to the problem would be to manufacture a plate to fill hole and ensuring it is flush with the rest of the floor – completed

Zane Cronk – A holder was made for the oxy torch on the side of the oxy trolley it stops the torch from falling and getting damaged and also it saves the torch from hanging on the hoses and causing the fittings to leak and be unsafe. – completed.

Mark Carroll, Jeremy Thain – The probe on the truck which is used to locate the mains is not insulated. Safety concern that if it gets in contact with any live object could cause electrocution. Our suggestion is to insulate handle to prevent any risk. – completed.



SAFETY BREAKFAST

23RD OCTOBER 2012



Constable Matt Shaw from Highway Patrol entertained staff with a quiz of current road rules. Prizes were awarded for safety crossword competition winners.

Committee representatives of Health and Safety Committee representatives organised the breakfast which is held annually to promote Health and Safety in the workplace.



EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - ACTIVITIES TAKEN BY COUNCIL TO IMPLEMENT ITS MANAGEMENT PLAN

Section 428 (2) (n)

PURPOSE

Riverina Water County Council is an equal opportunity employer, that means every employee and every potential employee is treated equally & fairly. Riverina Water is committed to managing its activities and business affairs so that the philosophy and principles of equal opportunity are part of its core values.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all employees & potential employees of Riverina Water. An employee or potential employee will not be disadvantaged because of age, carer status, disability, sexual orientation, marital status, parental status, physical features, political belief or activity, pregnancy, breastfeeding, race, religious belief or activity, gender or any other factors that are not related to individual job performance and the ability to develop in the workplace. Nor will an employee or potential employee be disadvantaged through personal association with someone who has (or is assumed to have) one of these characteristics.

ADVERTISING STAFF POSITIONS

To inform the workforce and the community in general that Riverina Water is committed to a discrimination free workplace, the following standard wording is to be placed in all advertisements for staff positions:

“Riverina Water County Council is an E.E.O. Employer”

E.E.O. STRATEGIES

During the course of the preparation of the E.E.O. Program the following strategies will be observed:

- Maintain the wording of advertisements for vacant positions to ensure they offer all potential applicants equal employment opportunities
- Ensure equal employment opportunity underpins Riverina Water's recruitment, promotion, training, development, personnel policies and management practices & support material (including handbooks, manuals, forms, induction booklets etc.)
- Applications for positions, including transfers and promotions and for career development (e.g. training, study assistance programs) are to be assessed without bias on the basis of availability and individual merit
- Riverina Water will keep records of job applications, interviews, selection & training programs
- Provide career counselling
- Improve career opportunities for staff currently employed in areas of limited career structure
- Reinforce the staff grievance procedure
- Prevent harassment of staff
- Continue the training program for all staff
- Continue with job rotation program where practicable
- Ensure all new policies and procedures adhere to EEO principles
- Make E.E.O. responsibilities a routine part of management and supervisory functions
- Provide mechanisms for resolving employment discrimination complaints
- Continue to improve staff access to information about Riverina Water and conditions of employment

EXTERNAL BODIES WHICH HAVE EXERCISED COUNCIL-DELEGATED FUNCTIONS

Section 428 (2) (o)

The Council has not delegated any functions to external bodies. The water supply for the township of Culcairn is undertaken by the Greater Hume Shire Council in accordance with the proclamation of 2nd May 1997.

TOTAL REMUNERATION FOR SENIOR STAFF

Section 428 (2) (r) General Regulation (Clause 31 [l] [b])

The information required by this sub-section is the total of the salary component, employer's contribution to superannuation, private use of motor vehicle and fringe benefit taxes, for the positions of General Manager and Director of Engineering was \$370,926.

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

STATE OF THE ENVIRONMENT

Section 428 (2) (c)

Unlike a general purpose council, Riverina Water County Council is not required to address the general state of the environment, however it is responsible for environmental protection in relation to all its works and activities. The movement and treatment of water, and the disturbance of soil during construction work must have due regard for environmental issues.

Water is a finite resource, and although most of Riverina Water's sources of raw water are adequate and reliable through the driest years, there is a wider responsibility to eliminate any inefficient or wasteful practices in the use of water.

Environmental Protection – objectives and targets

Water is arguably the most important resource and its use must include long term consideration of protection and sustainability.

While Riverina Water draws only a small percentage of the surface and groundwater resource in the Murrumbidgee and Murray Valleys, it is bound by state water management policies, administered by the Department of Water Resources. It is also essential that any water we return to the environment is of an appropriate quality.

Any disturbance of the soil during pipe laying, or other water supply work is protected by recognised soil and water conservation practices during the project, and returned to a state equal or better than pre-existing on completion of the work.

Riverina Water also works to minimise the amount of electricity used, and thus contribute to programmes which reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Land and buildings owned by Riverina Water are cared for in an environmentally sustainable way.

Riverina Water works to reduce wastage and make customers aware that water is a finite resource, that the provision of water supply is costly, and that inefficient and wasteful practices should be eliminated.

PROGRAMMES UNDERTAKEN TO PRESERVE, PROTECT, RESTORE AND ENHANCE THE ENVIRONMENT

Section 428 (2) (i)

A programme is well advanced to progressively upgrade the sludge and backwash disposal system at each filtration plant, to minimise suspended matter in effluent leaving the plant. Work currently scheduled in the capital works programmes includes Tarcutta Water Treatment Plant to more effectively remove dissolved iron and manganese from the waters pumped from local bores.

Protection of soil – Field construction supervisors have undertaken a course on practical soil and water management.

Practices such as site containment, storm flow and sediment control, and re-vegetation are undertaken wherever needed on work sites.

A sludge tanker is on hand and used in conjunction with underboring, to eliminate any flow of muddy waters from the work site.

Riverina Water will reduce electricity consumption, by installing higher efficiency equipment and minimising power losses. This will assist the reduction in greenhouse gas emissions in NSW.

BUSH FIRE HAZARD REDUCTION

Section 428 (2) (i1)

Bush fire hazard reduction activities are undertaken by constituent Councils, and are not an activity or responsibility of Riverina Water County Council

PROGRAMS PROMOTING SERVICES, AND ACCESS THERETO, FOR PEOPLE WITH DIVERSE CULTURAL AND LINGUISTIC BACKGROUNDS

Section 428 (2) (j)

Council, as a single purpose water supply authority is not involved or responsible for this activity.

COMPANIES IN WHICH COUNCIL HELD A CONTROLLING INTEREST

Section 428 (2) (p)

The Council does not have an interest or a controlling interest in any company or companies.

PARTNERSHIPS, CO-OPERATIVES AND OTHER JOINT VENTURES TO WHICH COUNCIL HAS BEEN A PARTY

Section 428 (2) (g)

During 2012/13 the process was commenced to end the formal agreement with NUWG. This process is continuing, primarily relating to land matters.

ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

Section 428 (2) (r) General Regulation (Clause 31[l] [c])

Activities for children are generally undertaken by, and the responsibility of constituent Councils. Riverina Water has participated in "Little Big Day Out" in Wagga Wagga where various aspects of water supply and treatment are presented to school children.

Council also liaises with local schools and arranges tours through our water treatment facilities as required.

GARDEN AND OUTDOOR FESTIVAL

20th/21st October 2012

On the weekend of the 20th and 21st of October 2012 Riverina Water hosted a marquee at the Botanical Gardens as part of the Wagga Garden and Outdoor Festival.

The event was a huge success with Riverina Water greeting over 1000 people as they passed through the exhibit. Customers enjoyed learning all about the Nature Strip Rebate Scheme and hearing about what exactly it is we do here at Riverina Water.

Lots of promotional goods were on offer including balloons for the kids. A demonstration nature strip also created good interest for visitors whilst a competition to win a washing machine drew in the crowds.



Chairperson Clr. Garry Hiscock with Director of Engineering Greg Finlayson drawing the winner of the washing machine.
Mrs G DuPlessis from Blamey Street, Wagga Wagga



HOME EXPO

12th - 14th April 2013

Once again the Wagga Home and Leisure Expo was a success with the help from some obliging staff who gave up their weekend.

The main message promoted was the Nature Strip Rebate Program, generating close to 50 phone enquiries on the following Monday.

The wordsearch competition was met with enthusiasm by the public even though it took about 15 mins to complete.

The 3 winners were drawn and notified, they were Mrs C Bond, Mrs L Nelson and Ms R Selvey.

Riverina Water's Mascot Bidgee made 4 appearances over the weekend which was great entertainment for the younger visitors.



Riverina Water's Tamarin Langley entertains some children at the Home Expo



Graeme Haley, General Manager presenting Mrs Coralie Bond with her winning cheque for the Wordsearch Home Expo Competition with Leanne Hastings, Water Quality Officer on 14th May 2013



The Saturday Crew
L-R Greg Finlayson, Brenden Bates, Aran Beckett, James Garnsey and Leanne Hastings (Emily Hann "Bidgee")



Little "Cash" with Bidgee



STUDENTS FROM MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY TOUR RIVERINA WATER'S FACILITIES

24th May 2013

*"Leanne Hastings (Environmental Officer) and
Anjane Bichani (Project Engineer)*

On behalf of Michigan State University, Kelly and I would like to thank you for taking the time to give us a tour of your water treatment plant on 24th May.

You provided us with useful information that has further educated our group on the steps necessary to provide clean, potable water for your community. Your expertise in the area of water management was evident within the tour, and it truly intrigued our group! Many of us are studying sustainability as it relates to water, so this tour was a helpful and eye-opening experience.

It was fascinating to learn the steps and procedures that are involved in providing clean water to sustain a community. We really appreciate that you allowed us to see the actual laboratory and machines used within these processes.

We wish you luck with the new water treatment plant, and hope that your mission to sustainably provide water to the community will continue to be successful!

Thanks again,

Stephanie and Kelly"

Charles Sturt University's QUESTACON "Beyond School" 24th May 2013



Riverina Water's Greg Vidler (Manager Projects) and Brendan Bates (Engineering Project Officer) talk to school children for Questacon's at the Charles Sturt Universities Beyond School event

OPERATION, CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE

OPERATIONAL PLAN – PERFORMANCE TARGETS 2012/2013

Section 428 (2) (b)

Tabled below is a report on the progress achieved in the year for the various objectives set out in the 2012/2013 Operational Plan.

Services

Strategies / Actions	Progress to 30 June 2013
- Monitor urban and rural per capita demands and determine if they significantly exceed the design peak demand levels of service.	Average kilolitres per quarter not exceeding design
- Manage demand effectively using a range of measures	Low demands experienced due to cold, wet weather during the quarter. Permanent Conservation Measure and Nature Strip Rebates continued.
- Regularly monitor urban and village growth, and augment supply as required in line with ten year plan, and current needs	Customer needs met. Participated in WWCC Spatial Plan consultation. Mangoplah and Collingullie reviewed.
• Maintain network analysis of Wagga urban water system	New network models completed. New engineer trained in modelling.
• Maintain the water supply infrastructure in good working order.	Some but infrequent breakdowns.
• Monitor the operation of the water supply system to ensure continuity of supply.	Continuity of supply maintained.
- Reinforce throughout the organisation that we are customer orientated. - Maintain a request and complaint handling system that ensures both attention to the request and advice of action taken or to be taken.	Timely responses.
- Use customer news-sheets to disseminate information to customers. - Utilise the local media when appropriate to increase awareness within the community. - Meet with sectional or interest groups or invite them to meet with us to communicate and receive feedback on relevant issues.	Numerous media outlets used to advise customers on demand management. Senior staff attended various meetings as required, residents groups, Probus, Tidy Towns, Great Green Challenge and Rotary.
- Increase inspection and documentation of consumer pipework where there is potential for contamination from backflow.	Required protection devices in use. Documentation reviewed in line with new code and guidelines.

Asset Replacement

Strategies / Actions	Progress to 30 June 2013
Develop and maintain a rolling replacement plan for all assets with review every 3 years.	Program documented and executed. Asset Management Plan completed. Criticality assessment undertaken. 4 year Op. Plan adopted.
Identify potential system capacity deficiencies and incorporate in capital works programme.	Monitoring, pressure testing and failure analysis undertaken. Modelling outcomes adopted.
Maintain water network analysis programme to identify timetable of system improvements and extensions.	Network model calibrated and run. Outputs included in criticality assessment.
Utilise Asset Register and associated technology and pipeline breakage history to determine the timing of mains replacement to minimise over all costs.	Pipe break definitions improved in reports and work prioritised.

Human Resources

Strategies / Actions	Progress to 30 June 2013
Identify and develop leadership potential in staff. Extend delegation and matching accountability to all levels of the organisation. Establish mechanisms for team building and operation.	Responsibilities accepted and met.
Continue system of position descriptions and skills based remuneration.	Latest skills review on track.
Promote, enable and encourage multi-skilling.	Skills and needs reviewed regularly.
Continue practical operations of Health & Safety Committee, and Staff Consultative Committee.	H&S Committee in place and meeting regularly. Consultative Committee meeting regularly.
Continue staff training system	Competencies attained.

Work Health and Safety

Objectives	Means of achieving	Progress to 30 June 2013
Continue promotion of responsibilities within the Work Health and Safety Management System	Promote Work Health and Safety responsibilities to all staff through regular Newsflash articles and induction processes.	Work Health and Safety responsibilities undertaken by all staff. Can be measured through annual staff evaluations
Provide effective staff support through provision of appropriate and sufficient resources.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regular discussion with work teams on needs. - Ensure monitoring of human resources & equipment. 	Minutes of meetings or discussions between employees and supervisors/managers.
Improve Communication and Consultation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continue promotion of "Take & Break & Talk Safety" & incentive by way of rewards (i.e. Kit Kats / Fruit / Luncheon) - New requirement for manager to attend at least one meeting per team per quarter. - Provide timely and appropriate feedback. 	<p>All monthly meetings were held with all work teams with documented evidence being provided by Supervisors.</p> <p>Team meetings sheets show manager attendance. (1 per quarter)</p> <p>Outstanding issues raised are discussed with management & outcomes reached with feedback directly to the work team within a reasonable time frame.</p>

		Diary or other appropriate recording of meetings with timely feedback to employees on raised issues.
Develop & Review Safe Work Procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review, reformat & consolidate existing SWMS - Ongoing review of Work Health and Safety Policies & procedures with a view to their effectiveness and legal compliance 	<p>Up to date supervisor manuals.</p> <p>Review all current policies/procedures within 12 months</p> <p>Review new WHS Act and Regulations.</p>
Develop & complete an annual CIAP (Continuous Improvement Action Plan)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop CIAP in consultation with Management following annual WHS audits - Internal audits - StateCover Self Evaluation Tool - & manager's consultation with work groups 	CIAP developed & progress made on required actions
Identification of hazards & elimination/reduction of risks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Workplace inspections to be undertaken every 4-6 months - Timely reporting of accident/incidents/near misses - Improved investigation reports. - Manager involvement and response to incidents - Hazard register in place & reviewed regularly 	<p>Inspection schedules up to date. Identified issues controlled within an appropriate time frame.</p> <p>Most reports and investigations received within the required timeframes</p> <p>Processes reviewed to gain improvements.</p>
Continue on-going Work Health and Safety training of new & existing staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Undertake inductions of new staff. - Continue internal and external training programs for staff. - As procedures/SWMS are released, appropriate training or instruction is given. 	<p>Induction & review of all new staff (evidence available through completion of Individual Induction Booklets).</p> <p>Annual training plan in place and skills gap analysis.</p> <p>Training record sheets received & skills database updated.</p>
Improve Safety Culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continuous promotion and monitoring of safety performance - Ensure follow up actions are scheduled and implemented where incident investigations identify employee actions are less than desired - Senior staff to lead by example ('walk the talk') - Continue with Watch Out Award 	<p>Noticeable reduction in incidents relating to human factors.</p> <p>Noticeable increase in senior staff presence on job sites and areas outside of office.</p> <p>All incident reports involving human error element have follow up actions planned and implemented.</p> <p>Committee endorsed \$ Award continuation.</p>
Maintain & Improve Health & Well Being of Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continue with \$100 health incentive subsidy - Provision of EAP program 	<p>"Take up" of staff into fitness programs. Walking, cycling sports etc. outside of work hours. Subsidy promoted.</p>

Environmental Protection

Strategies / Actions	Progress to 30 June 2013
Water returned to the environment from the filtration plant will be monitored for quality.	EPA standards achieved.
All field work-sites will be protected and restored to eliminate degradation.	Minimal soil loss or siltation. Vegetation restored.
Soiled water from Urban field site works will be returned for proper disposal.	No soiled water entering town drainage systems.
Electrical efficiency will be considered in infrastructure design.	Extensive power factor correction programs undertaken. Power use assed for new Wagga WTP.
Fleet replacements to consider environmental criteria	Taken into account at all times. Diesel preference.
Decommission of Bores	No bores decommissioned in the current year.

CONTRACTS AWARDED DURING THE YEAR

Section 428 (2) (h)

Company	Description of Work	Cost \$
MJM Solutions	Development approval and design of industrial workshop	37,000
Public Works	Clients Project Manager's Services – replacement of Wagga Wagga Water Treatment Plant	366,200
Public Works	Investigation & Design 1 in 100 year levee	74,850
Opteon	Valuation of land for easement, access road and fill storage, near Hammond Avenue Site	6,400
Nowra Chemical Manufacturers	Supply and delivery Alum	46,800
Gordon Gibson Nominees	Southern Trunk Main Augmentation	99,000
Kellogg Brown & Root Pty Ltd	Concept design for the replacement of the Wagga Wagga Water Treatment Plant	344,603

PRIVATE WORKS UNDER SECTION 67(3) OF THE ACT

Section 428 (2) (k)

Council does not undertake work to any significant extent on private property on a regular basis. Section 67(3) requires Council to report on any resolution to undertake work at a rate that is less than the rates fixed by the Council.

During the review period no such work was undertaken by the Council.

Work was undertaken (at full cost) for Gumly Gumly Private Irrigation District.

Development Servicing Plan (DSP)

In accordance with Department of Water and Energy Best-Practice Management of Water Supply Council adopted Development Service Plan at its Meeting on 26th June 2013. The draft DSP was placed on public exhibition after Council's meeting on 10th April 2013.

The Calculated Developer charge in the DSP is \$4,800. The charge for 2011/2012 was \$3,700.

NEW 1500 kVA SUBSTATION



Removal of one of four old transformers

**Essential Energy and
Enpower Solutions**
cut over to the new
1500kVA Substation
and demolished the old
Substation on
10th October 2012

The photos show both old
and new.



New 1500 kVA substation



Off to the scrap yard for the old
transformers

Connection point for new
1500kVA substation





NEW ELECTRICAL/FITTERS WORKSHOP CONSTRUCTION by ICG Construction Group

The new industrial workshop for fitting and electrical trade staff was completed and keys handed over in late November 2012.



Features of the new workshop include air conditioned clean rooms, mezzanine floor storage space, 5T overhead crane covering the workshop floor area, evaporative air conditioning and natural gas radiant tube heaters in workshop area.





Carpark and east wall

NEW ELECTRICAL/FITTERS WORKSHOP COMPLETION November 2012



Awning and washbay on westside



View from main mezzanine floor

Greg Vidler, Senior Project Engineer showed a group of administration and engineering staff the newly completed (not fitted out as yet) Electrical/Fitter's Workshop on 20th November 2012



Main mezzanine floor, offices and lunchroom

BOLTON PARK 450MM PIPE RELOCATION OCTOBER 2012



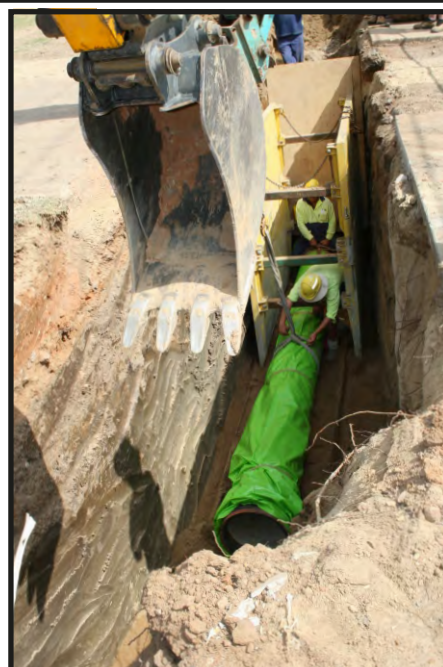
Currently the largest construction project being undertaken by Riverina Water Staff is the Bolton Park crossing, which is a new 450 diameter water-main.

The water main is being constructed to permit the redevelopment of Bolton Park with additional sports facilities over an old water-main which will be made redundant.

Peter Looney's team in the photo are backfilling a section of the trench which was provided in this location by Wagga Wagga City Council to help us to thread the pipe between their assets.

The verges are congested with multiple services in this location. The Ductile Iron pipe just visible in the bottom of the trench is wrapped in green/yellow plastic sheet to protect it from damage in the soil.

The total length of this project from Morgan Street to Sturt Highway will be 550 metres.



Bolton park pipeline relocation was completed the day before closedown for Christmas 2012 by the construction gang led by Peter Looney.

The team overcame various planning hold ups and underground obstacles to complete the project on time. This work was completed to clear the area for the new tennis courts being constructed on Bolton Park Oval. Difficulties which were overcome included:

- Making old valves operational and diverting major water flows to enable connections to be made to the existing water mains.
- Constructing complicated traffic arrangements on Edward and Morgan Streets to allow for the making the connections in the streets.
- Threading the water main through all the existing services in the ground.
- Removal of a large concrete thrust block of several cubic meters from the trench.

Pipes used on the 550 metre long Bolton Park diversion were 450 mm diameter and made from Cement lined Ductile iron.

This was a successful substantial project. Some even larger projects using the same size pipes are planned for the near future



Shows the pipe being laid to make the final connection to the existing main in Morgan Street.



A gibault pipe connector and tapping band being fitted for connection to the irrigation system



The gang making the connection in Edward St and pouring the thrust block.



Street view of worksite



Removal of the old Crown roof

REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF WALLA WALLA RESERVOIR ROOF September 2012



Old roof being lowered to the ground.



New roof was built on the ground



New roof being
placed on Reservoir



RIVERINA WATER SITE ROADWORKS May 2013

Riverina Staff undertake site
roadwork bitumen sealing and
improvements to drainage
May 2013



Sealing the entrance road

WATER SUPPLIED

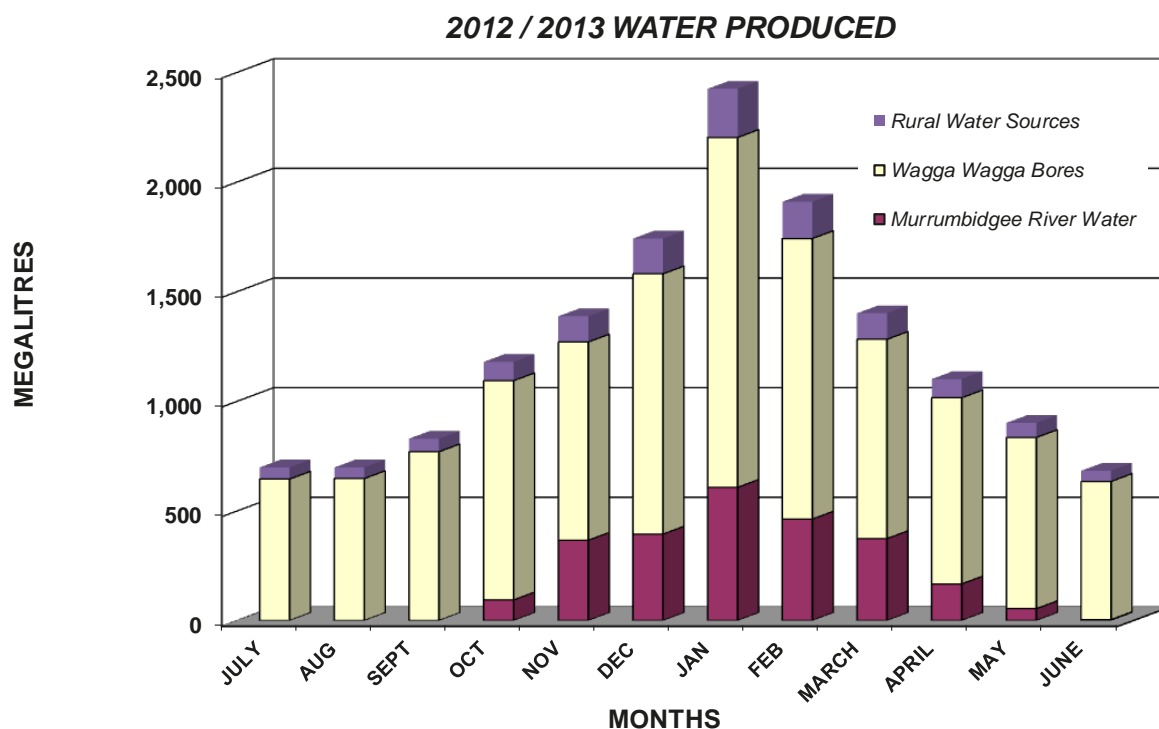
Riverina Water draws its supply from several sources, then treats and pumps water to Wagga Wagga and other towns, villages and rural areas in the region.

Monthly consumption peaked at 2,462 megalitres in January 2013.

The full year's total of 14,956 megalitres was an increase of 27.1% on last year's consumption of 11,746 megalitres. Wagga Wagga urban water use is up by 21.6%. The 2012/2013 rainfall of 427mm was well below average and resulted in significantly increased summer demand.

Water Sourced

	2009/2010	2010/2011	2011/2012	2012/2013
Rainfall (mm)	641	984	853	427
Wet Days	101	133	121	97
	Megalitres	Megalitres	Megalitres	Megalitres
North Wagga bores	2323	1789	2011	2389
West Wagga bores	4345	3728	4400	5410
East Wagga bores	2676	2110	1892	3397
Murrumbidgee River	4384	2335	2505	2524
TOTAL WAGGA SOURCES	13,728	9,962	10,808	13,721
Bulgary Bores	534	315	412	494
Urana Channel	56	16	28	45
Ralvona Bores	269	191	220	285
Walla Walla Bores	165	66	91	146
Goldenfields Water Supply System	22	19	28	34
TOTAL RURAL SOURCES	1,046	607	778	1,005
Woomargama	15	12	11	17
Humula	13	8	8	10
Tarcutta	43	38	35	41
Oura	48	40	37	48
Walbundrie	35	24	33	34
Rand	0	0	0	0
Morundah	10	7	8	10
Collingullie	63	50	51	68
TOTAL INDEPENDENT SOURCES	227	179	184	227
GRAND TOTALS	15,002	10,748	11,769	14,954
PROPORTION FROM SURFACE	30.0%	22.0%	21.7%	17.7%
PROPORTION FROM GROUNDWATER (BORES)	70.0%	78.0%	78.3%	82.3%



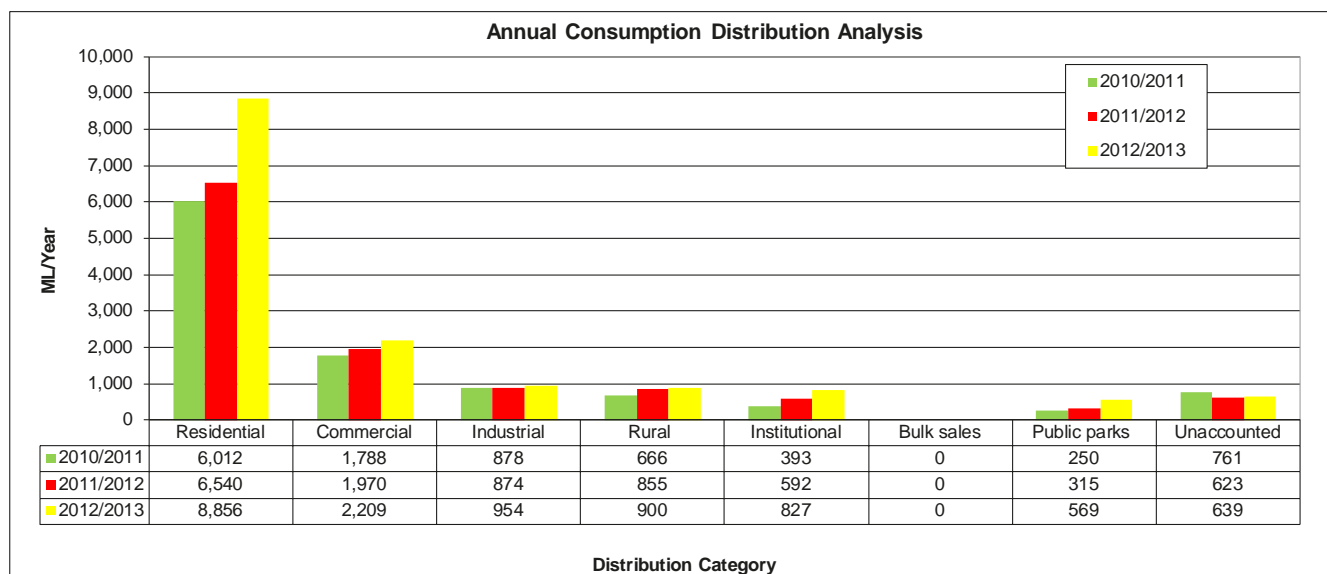
Distribution

Annual Distribution Analysis

	2011/2012		2012/2013		% change from previous year
	Consumption (MI)	Percentage	Consumption (MI)	Percentage	
Residential	6,540	55.6%	8,856	59.2%	35.4%
Commercial	1,970	16.7%	2,209	14.8%	12.1%
Industrial	874	7.4%	954	6.4%	9.2%
Rural	855	7.3%	900	6.0%	5.3%
Institutional	592	5.0%	827	5.5%	39.7%
Bulk Sales	0	0%	0	0%	0%
Public parks	315	2.7%	569	3.8%	80.6%
Unaccounted (Including flushing, firefighting, unmetered use)	623	5.3%	639	4.3%	2.6%
	11,769	100%	14,954	100%	27.1%

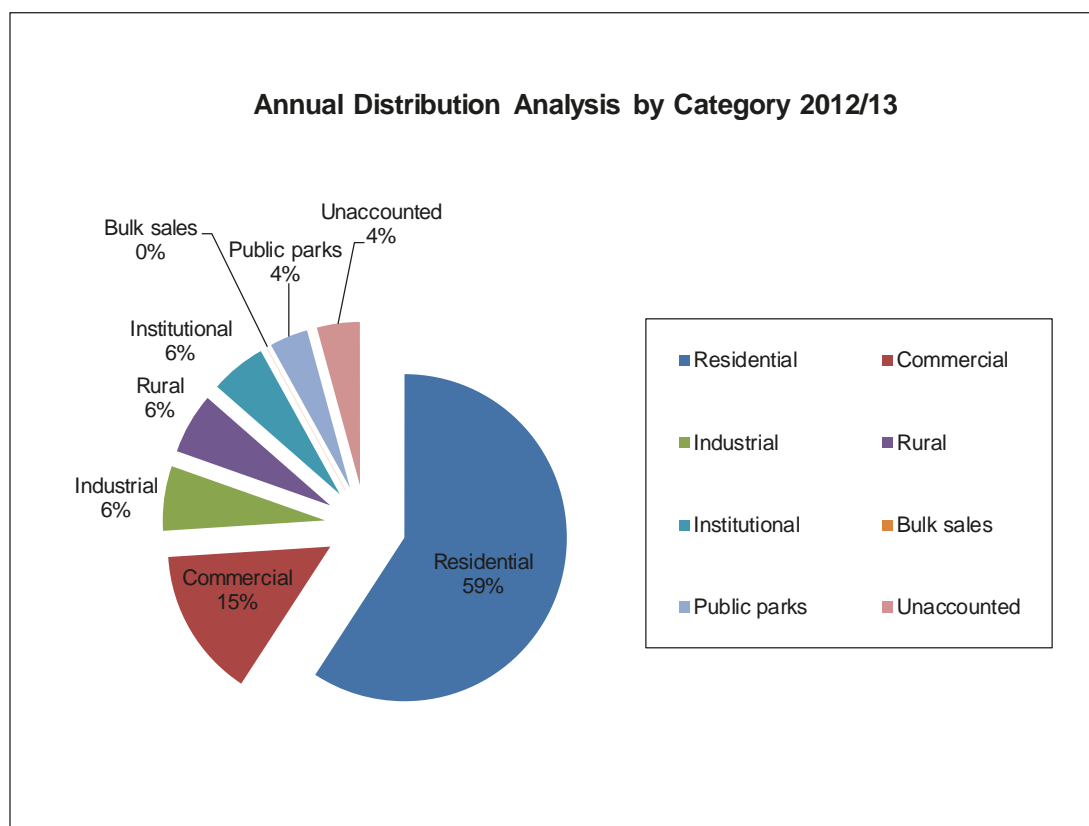
The total annual unaccounted water for 2012/13 is, as a percentage of all water produced, is 4.3%, a decrease from 5.3% in 2011/12

Annual Consumption Distribution Analysis



The chart above shows that water use is increased by low rainfall in all sectors other than industrial. There have been no bulk sales in recent years. In previous years the military establishments were bulk sales, these are now classified as commercial.

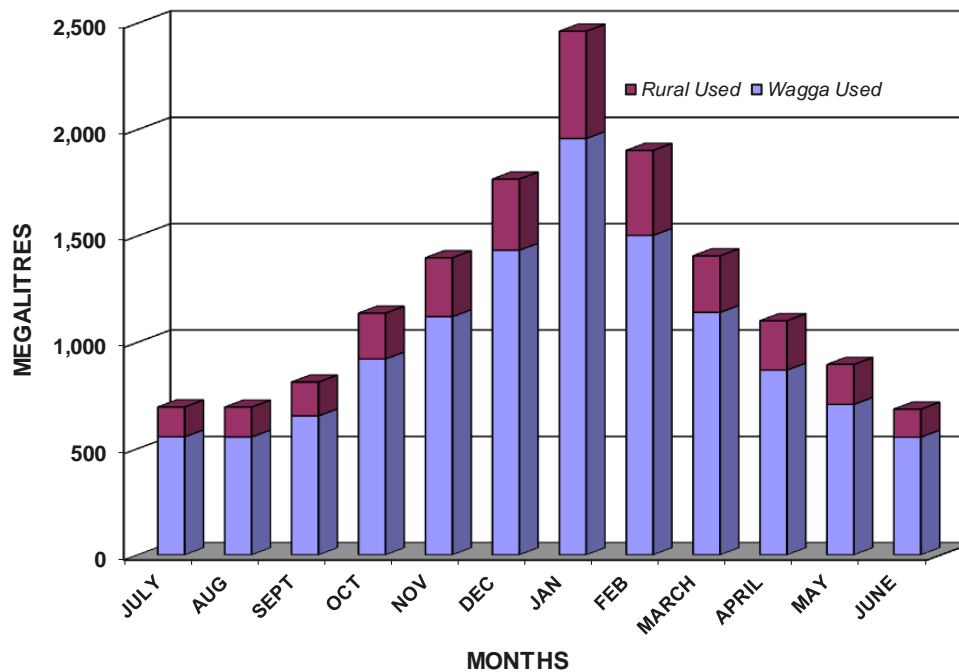
Annual Distribution Analysis by Category 2012/2013



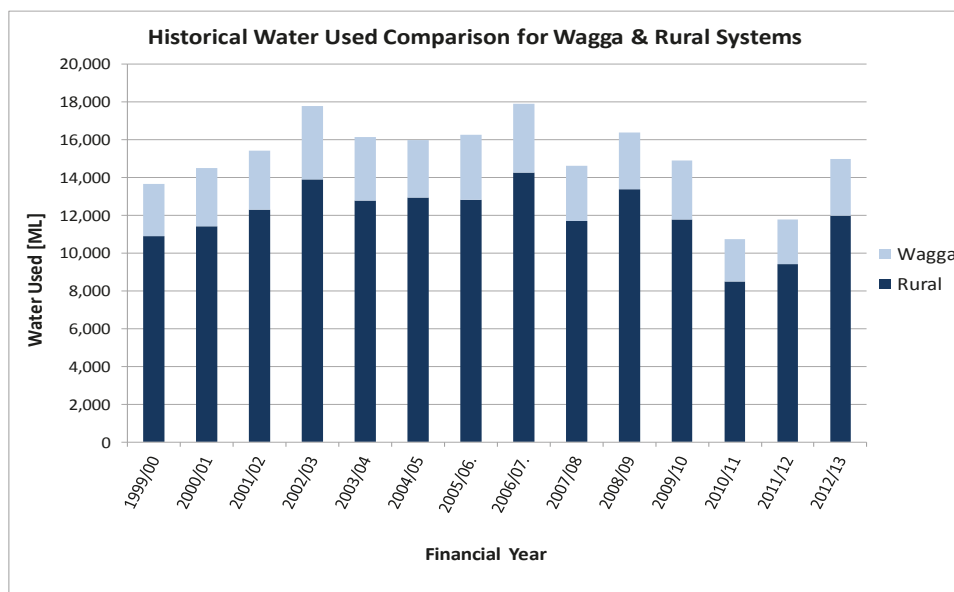
Water Use

	MEGALITRES USED			
	2009/2010	2010/2011	2011/2012	2012/2013
East Bomen	233	151	191	260
Estella	804	545	513	720
North Wagga	902	837	1002	1023
Wagga Wagga – Low Level	2148	1812	2120	2163
Wagga Wagga – High Level	6910	4660	4990	6934
Wagga Wagga – Bellevue Level	784	471	569	868
SUB-TOTAL	11,781	8,477	9,385	11,967
Ladysmith	61	45	47	63
Brucedale	239	212	189	250
Currawarna	142	83	123	166
Rural south from Wagga Wagga	1458	1130	1091	1337
Rural from Walla Walla Bore	155	66	91	146
Milbrulong, Lockhart and Boree Creek	307	184	212	264
Urana and Oaklands	255	164	204	249
Holbrook	269	191	220	285
SUB-TOTAL	2,886	2,076	2,177	2,762
Woomargama	15	12	11	17
Humula	13	8	8	10
Tarcutta	43	38	35	41
Oura	48	40	37	48
Walbundrie	35	24	33	34
Rand	0	0	0	0
Morundah	10	7	8	10
Collingullie	63	50	51	68
SUB-TOTAL	227	179	184	227
TOTAL	14,895	10,732	11,746	14,956
AVERAGE RESIDENTIAL CONSUMPTION				
Urban (Wagga Wagga)	337	232	251	337
Non-Urban (Townships and rural)	432	274	327	406

2012 / 2013 WATER USED



Historical Water Used Comprison for Wagga and Rural Systems



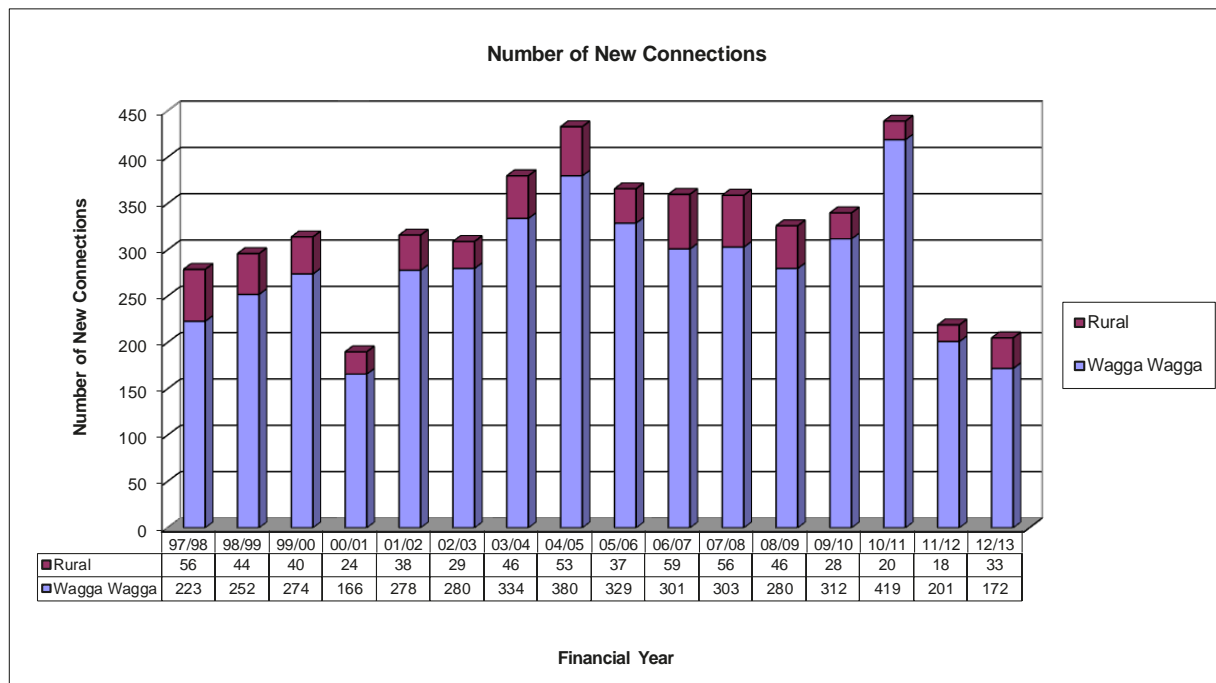
NEW CUSTOMERS

New consumers were connected at the various centres listed below:

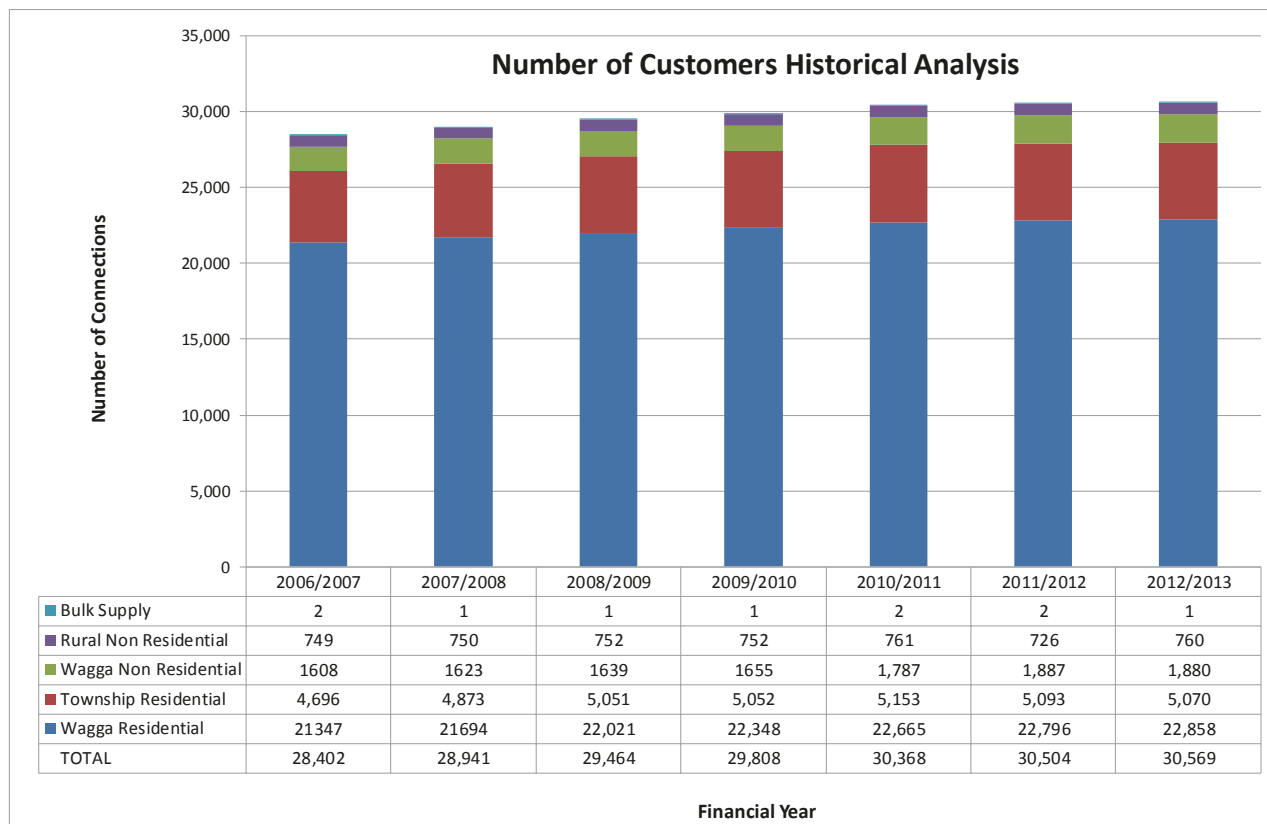
LOCATION	NUMBER CONNECTED					
	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Bidgeemia						
Boree Creek			1			
Brucedale-The Gap	3	2		2	1	1
Bulgary						
Collingullie			2			
Coorabin						
Culcairn	3	1				
Currawarna	5	3		1	2	1
Forest Hill						
French Park	1					
Henty	3	2	3	1	1	3
Holbrook	8	5	4	5		8
Humula		1				
Ladysmith	3		2		6	
Lockhart	4	8	2	1		7
Mangoplah			1			1
Milbrulong		1				
Morundah						
Morven		2		3		1
Oaklands	2		2	1		
Oura		1			2	1
Pleasant Hills		3	1			2
Rand		1				
San Isidore						
Tarcutta		4	1			
The Rock	14	4	2	1	1	
Urana	3		1			
Uranquinty	3	5	3	3	3	2
Wagga Wagga	303	280	312	419	201	172
Walbundrie	1	2				1
Walla Walla	1	1	1	1	1	3
Woomargama	2					
Yerong Creek			2	1	1	2
TOTALS	359	326	340	439	219	205

Total customers at 30th June 2013: 30,656

Number of New Connections 1997/98 to 2012/2013



Number of Customers Historical Analysis



The growth in total customers has averaged 1.27% per annum over the past 6 years.

Pipeline Losses

Estimated pipeline losses due to bursts over the past 6 years are shown in the following table. The daily average over the past 6 years is shown for comparison

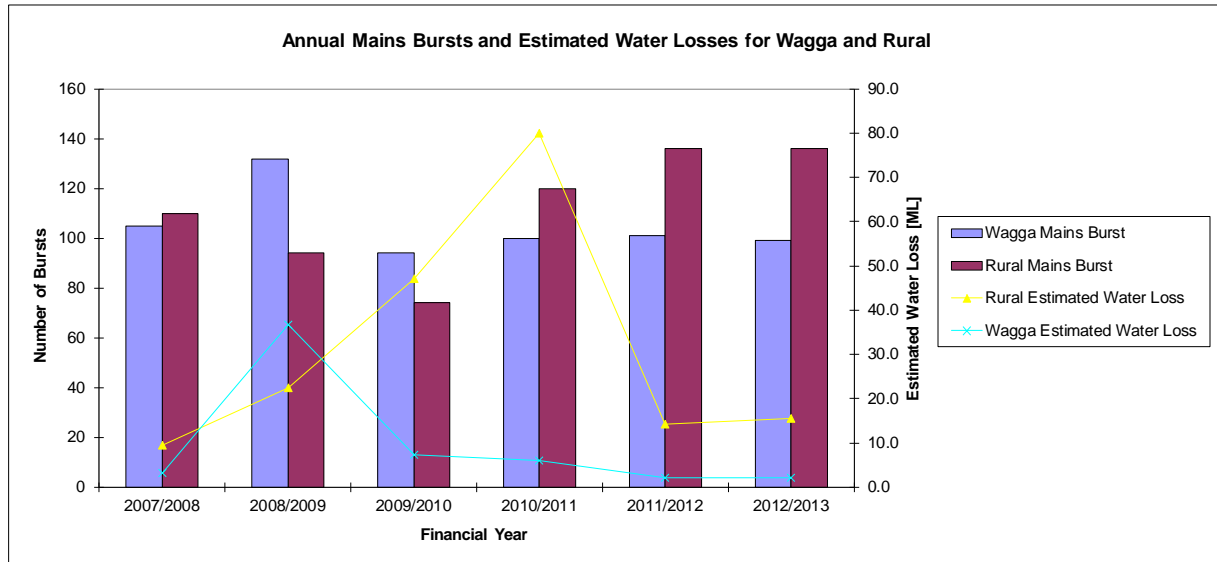
Monthly analysis of pipeline breaks and rainfall for July 2012 – June 2013:

MONTH	RAINFALL Forest Hill	WET DAYS	WAGGA MAIN BREAKS	WAGGA MAINLOSSES (kl)	RURAL MAIN BREAKS	RURAL MAIN LOSSES (kl)
July 2012	43.2	16	6	46	5	65
August	37.6	12	5	59	8	2295
September	5	8	1	15	8	153
October	31	5	6	20	4	106
November	60.2	5	4	18	6	31
December	22.8	7	12	37	16	203
January 2013	12.6	5	15	38	22	1635
February	30	6	11	29	19	421
March	35.2	7	10	20	5	45
April	7	2	8	53	10	223
May	53.2	12	7	140	15	266
June 2013	88.8	12	14	301	18	252
TOTALS	426.6	97	99	776	136	5695

Average daily losses due to burst mains over the past 6 years:

YEAR	WAGGA WAGGA		RURAL	
	BURST MAINS	ESTIMATED LOSS kl/day	BURST MAINS	ESTIMATED LOSS kl/day
2007/2008	105	3.1	110	9.6
2008/2009	132	36.7	94	22.4
2009/2010	94	7.5	74	47.1
2010/2011	100	6.0	120	80.0
2011/2012	101	2.2	136	14.1
2012/2013	99	2.1	136	15.6

Annual Mains busts and estimated water losses for Wagga and Rural:



Pipeline Construction

Pipelines were constructed in sizes ranging from 32mm diameter to 250 mm diameter to extend the water supply system and to replace pipelines that had reached the end of their useful life. A range of pipe material is used including PVC and Ductile iron.

	System Extensions Metres	Replacements Metres
Wagga Wagga	2908.50	3070.50
Rural and Village	3412.50	3779.50

CAPITAL WORKS

An extensive capital works programme was carried out in 2012/2013 including the following significant items:

Mains Replacements

The Bolton Park Watermain Realignment

Higgins Avenue Watermain Replacement - 500m of 100mm DICL

Lake Street Watermain Replacement - 500m 100mm DICL

Reservoirs

Walla Walla Township Reservoir Roof Replacement.

Water Treatment Plants

- Flood Repair Damage – Urana Filtration Plant: The floods during March 2012 caused significant damage to pumping and electrical systems at Urana Filtration Plant. Fortunately the plant was already scheduled to be shutdown in April 2012 and therefore flood damage did not affect supply to customers, Significant repair works conducted by Riverina Water staff to prepare the treatment plant before 2012/13 summer included:
 - Main electrical & metering switchboard replacement
 - Pump electrical switchboards replacement
 - Chemical dosing plant replacement (including fluoride plant)
 - Building and site restoration

Energy Efficiencies:

- Power factor analysis was undertaken jointly by Riverina Water and Essential Energy. Three major sites were identified to be beneficial to install power factor correction units with a return on investment of less than one year: Wagga Wagga Aeration Plant, Wagga Waterworks and North Wagga Aeration Plant. The units were installed between May and June 2013 and scheduled to be commissioned in August 2013.
- Time of Use analysis was undertaken by Riverina Water staff highlighting cost savings by maximising off peak/shoulder pumping operations at major pumping/treatment facilities, including:
 - West Wagga Aeration Plant and West Wagga Bores (x4)
 - Wagga Waterworks and East Wagga Bores (x3)
 - North Wagga Aeration Plant and North Wagga Bores (3x)
 - 10MG pump station
 - Bellevue and Glenoak pump stations

West Wagga Aeration Bulk Silica Handling Upgrade

Brucedale Pump Station Electrical Metering, Switchboard and Variable Speed Motor Controller:

Sources

West Wagga Bore 4 Relining and riserless pump system: West Wagga Bore 4 is the last main production bore (out of 10) in Wagga Wagga to have its original mild steel bore casing to be relined in stainless steel and retro fitted with a riserless pump system. The relining works were completed at the end of June 2013 and the installation of the riserless pump system is scheduled in August 2013.

West Wagga Bore 1 Electricity Transformer Upgrade

Strategic Planning

WAGGA WAGGA WATER TREATMENT PLANT

The feasibility study was completed by Hunter Water Corporation in October 2012. The report outlined the feasibility study for a 55ML/d Clarification and Dual Media Filtration process train at Wagga Wagga WTP. Three Clarification processes were shortlisted and considered preferred options to take forward in the design

In December 2012 Council adopted the procurement plan for replacement of the Wagga Wagga Water Treatment Plant and RWCC engaged NSW Public Works, Water and Wastewater division to provide Client's Project Manager's Services.

In February 2013 Public Works in consultation with RWCC advertised for Expressions of Interest (EOI) for Consultants to Prepare Concept Design for the Replacement of Wagga Wagga Water Treatment Plant.

After reviewing ten EOI submissions, Kellogg Brown Route Pty Ltd, Hunter Water Australia Pty Ltd and MWH Australia Pty Ltd were shortlisted and invited to submit proposals for the Concept Design of the Wagga Wagga Water Treatment Plant.

Tender documentation was distributed to the shortlisted consultants on 2 May 2013 and tenders were received on 30 May 2013. The Concept Design for Replacement of the Wagga Wagga Water Treatment Plant was awarded to Kellogg Brown Route Pty Ltd in June 2013.

Depots and Buildings

The Site Masterplan required existing sheds to be demolished in order to make space for the new Water Treatment Plant. Following approval for from WWCC, demolition commenced in late July and was completed on 21 August 2013.

Wagga Wagga Sources and Allocations

	Water Access Licence (ML)	Extraction Limit (ML)	Used (ML)	% of Allocation
Surface Water	7,000	7,000	2,655	37.93
Ground Water	14,000	12,371	11,452	92.57
Total Water	21,000	19,371	14,107	72.83

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

CHARGES FOR WATER

"User Pay" system

The pricing allows customers to have control of their bills with two kinds of charges being applied, a fixed charge and a usage charge.

The level of fixed charges (availability charge) and usage charges applied in 2012/2013 are set out below:

Urban Section:

(i) Domestic

Year	Usage Charge (per quarter)		Access Charge (per quarter)	
			Connected	Vacant
2012/2013	First 125 kilolitres per quarter	1.10c per kl	\$30.00	\$12.50
	Balance per kilolitre per unit	1.66c per kl		

(ii) Industrial

Year	Usage Charge (per quarter)		Access Charge (per quarter)	
			Connected	Vacant
2012/2013	First 41 kilolitres per month 42 to 3000 kilolitres per month Balance above 3000 kilolitres per month Applicable to large scale processing or manufacturing industries with consistent year round usage and specifically approved by Council	1.10c per kl 1.66c per kl 1.66c per kl	\$36.25	\$12.50
	First 3,000 kls per month Balance above 3,000 kls per month	1.10c per kl 1.10c per kl		

(iii) Commercial

Year	Usage Charge (per quarter)		Access Charge (per quarter)	
			Connected	Vacant
2012/2013	First 125 kilolitres per quarter / 41 kilolitres per month Balance per kilolitre per quarter	1.10c per kl 1.66c per kl	\$36.25	\$12.50

(Access Charge for non-metered connected Commercial premises \$70.00 per quarter).

Non-Urban Section:

(iv) Domestic

Year	Usage Charge (per quarter)		Access Charge (per quarter)	
			Connected	Vacant
2012/2013	First 125 kilolitres per quarter	1.10c per kl	\$30.00	\$12.50
	Balance per kilolitre per unit	1.66c per kl		

(v) Industrial

Year	Usage Charge (per quarter)		Access Charge (per quarter)	
			Connected	Vacant
2012/2013	First 50 kilolitres per month	1.10c per kl	\$36.25	\$12.50
	51 to 3000 kilolitres per month	1.66c per kl		
	Balance above 3000 kilolitres per month	1.66c per kl		

(vi) Commercial

Year	Usage Charge (per quarter)		Access Charge (per quarter)	
			Connected	Vacant
2012/2013	First 125 kilolitres per quarter / 41 kilolitres per month	1.10c per kl	\$36.25	\$12.50
	Balance per kilolitre per quarter	1.66c per kl		

(Access Charge for non-metered connected Commercial premises \$72.50 per quarter).

CONDITION OF PUBLIC WORKS UNDER COUNCIL'S CONTROL

Section 428 (2) (d)

Council is required to report on the condition of public works under its control including estimates to bring each works up to a satisfactory standard, maintenance needs and maintenance programmes.

The public works owned and operated by Riverina Water County Council are summarised in the following table:

Asset Description	Asset Life	Replacement Cost \$'000	Remaining Life Value at June 2013 \$'000
Water Mains – distribution, rural & reticulation	Iron 75 yrs Other 50 yrs	206,139	95,749
Reservoirs – 69 off	Steel 60 yrs Conc. 100 yrs	49,537	35,610
Pumping Stations – 65 off	20-50 yrs	13,109	8,923
Water Treatment Plants – 14 off Aeration – 10 Filtration – 6	50 yrs	39,938	30,445
Water Supply Bores – 28	30 yrs Stainless steel-40 yrs	10,487	7,693
Land & Buildings – other	50	14,261	12,942
TOTAL		333,471	191,362

NB Independent valuers were engaged to revalue all water supply assets IN 2010/11.

The work required to bring those sections of the work that need improvement up to a satisfactory standard, the annual maintenance to maintain the standard, and the 2012/2013 programme of maintenance for the works is outlined in the following tables. The major need is for renewal of older water mains, based on the theoretical lifespan of each type of pipe. Some of these mains are however still serving their intended purpose and the relative urgency of renewal is not critical.

Special Schedule No. 7 – Condition of Public Works as at 30th June 2013

\$'000

Asset Class	Asset Category	Dep'n Rate (%)	Dep'n. Expense (\$)	Valuation	Accum. Depreciation Amortisation & Impairment	Carrying Amount (WDV)	Asset Condition #	Est. cost to bring up to a satisfactory condition/ standard (1)	Required (2) Annual Maintenance	Current (3) Annual Maintenance
Buildings		Per Note 1	Per Note 4	Per Note 9				Per Sec 428 (2d)		
	Council Offices/Depots	1.25%	109	10,493	1,256	9,237	2	10	5	457
	Council Houses	1.25%	6	452	63	389	2	4	2	7
	Sub Total		115	10,945	1,319	9,626		14	7	461
Water	Treatment Plants	1.30%	684	39,938	9,493	30,445	2	2,000	450	652
	Bores	4.00%	315	10,487	2,794	7,693	2	600	100	119
	Reservoirs	1.00%	703	49,537	13,927	35,610	2	2,500	300	144
	Pipelines	2.00%	3,532	206,139	110,390	95,749	3	14,036	2,000	991
	Pump Stations	1.30%	439	13,109	4,185	8,924	2	1,500	450	407
	Sub Total		5,673	319,210	140,789	178,421		20,636	3,300	2,313
	TOTAL – ALL ASSETS		5,788	330,155	142,108	188,047		20,650	3,307	2,774

Notes:

- (1) Satisfactory refers to estimated cost to bring the asset to a satisfactory condition as deemed by Council. It does not include any planned enhancements to the existing asset.
- (2) Required Annual Maintenance is what should be spent to maintain assets in a satisfactory standard.
- (3) Current Annual Maintenance is what has been spent in the current year to main assets.

Asset Condition "Key"- as per the DLG Integrated Planning & Reporting Manual

- 1 – Excellent – No work required (normal maintenance)
- 2 – Good – Only minor maintenance work required
- 3 – Average – Maintenance work required
- 4 – Poor – Renewal required
- 5 – Very Poor – Urgent renewal / upgrading required

SUMMARY OF DISCLOSABLE LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Section 428 (2) (e)

During the review period Council did not incur any legal expenses or become involved in any legal proceedings.

AMOUNTS CONTRIBUTED / GRANTED UNDER SECTION 356

Section 428 (2) (l)

Section 356 enables Council to contribute funds to persons for the purpose of exercising its functions. In the event of the proposed recipient acting for private gain, public notice of Council's proposal to grant financial assistance must be given.

During the period under review, the Council did not make any contributions under this Section.

OVERSEAS VISITS FUNDED BY COUNCIL

Section 428 (2) (r) General Regulation (Clause 31[l] [a])

No overseas visits undertaken by Councillors and others representing Council during 2012/2013.

RATES & CHARGES WRITTEN OFF

Section 428 (2) (r) Rates & Charges General Regulation (Clause 12)

Pensioner Rebates written off totalled	\$385,274
A Pensioner subsidy was received for the value of	\$211,900
Sundry Write-offs totalled	\$173,374

GOVERNMENT INFORMATION (PUBLIC ACCESS) ACT, 2009

In accordance with the provisions of the *Government Information (Public Access) Act, 2009*, Council has completed its annual statistics for the twelve month period ended 30th June 2013. No applications were received by Council during the 2011/2012 period. Council has not received any enquiries from the Ombudsman under the *Government Information (Public Access) Act, 2009* nor has it received any appeals under that Act to the District Court or the Supreme Court. Council has reviewed what information is made publicly available and this is to remain unchanged.

Statistical Details:

<u>Information Requests</u>	<u>Number of Requests</u>
Access Applications	Nil
Refused Applications	Nil
Applications to access excluded information	Nil

INFORMATION PROTECTION ACT, 1998

In accordance with the provisions of the Information Protection Act 1998 Section 33(e) Council adopted a Privacy Management Plan, vide resolution No. 00/69.

The Privacy Management Plan provides for the protection of personal information and for the protection of the privacy of individuals. No applications were received by Council for review under Part 5 of the Act during the 2012/2013 period.

**CERTIFICATE OF CONFIRMATION – GOODS AND SERVICES TAX
CERTIFICATE**

RIVERINA WATER COUNTY COUNCIL

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX CERTIFICATE


Payment of Voluntary GST 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013

To assist compliance with Section 114 of the Commonwealth Constitution, we certify that:

- Voluntary GST has been paid by *Riverina Water County Council* for the period 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013.
- Adequate management arrangements and internal controls were in place to enable the Council to adequately account for its GST liabilities and recoup all GST input tax credits eligible to be claimed.
- No GST non-compliance events by the Council were identified by or raised with the Australian Taxation Office.



.....
Mr Graeme Haley
GENERAL MANAGER



.....
Ms Michele Curran
RESPONSIBLE ACCOUNTING OFFICER

Date: 1st July 2013

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Section 428 (2) (a) - Financial Reporting

Riverina Water County Council

GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended 30 June 2013

**"to provide our community with safe reliable
water at the lowest sustainable cost"**



Riverina Water County Council

General Purpose Financial Statements

for the financial year ended 30 June 2013

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Overview

- (i) These financial statements are General Purpose Financial Statements and cover the consolidated operations for Riverina Water County Council.
- (ii) Riverina Water County Council is a body politic of NSW, Australia - being constituted as a Local Government area by proclamation and is duly empowered by the Local Government Act (LGA) 1993 of NSW.

Council's Statutory Charter is detailed in Paragraph 8 of the LGA and includes giving Council;

- the ability to provide goods, services & facilities, and to carry out activities appropriate to the current & future needs of the local community and of the wider public,
- the responsibility for administering regulatory requirements under the LGA and
- a role in the management, improvement and development of the resources in the area.

A description of the nature of Council's operations and its principal activities are provided in Note 2(b).

- (iii) All figures presented in these financial statements are presented in Australian Currency.
 - (iv) These financial statements were authorised for issue by the Council on 26 September 2013. Council has the power to amend and reissue these financial statements.
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Riverina Water County Council

Notes to the Financial Statements

for the financial year ended 30 June 2013

Understanding Council's Financial Statements

Introduction

Each year, individual Local Governments across NSW are required to present a set of audited financial statements to their Council & Community.

What you will find in the Statements

The financial statements set out the financial performance, financial position & cash flows of Council for the financial year ended 30 June 2013.

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

About the Councillor/Management Statement

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

About the Primary Financial Statements

The financial statements incorporate 5 "primary" financial statements:

1. The Income Statement

Summarises Council's financial performance for the year, listing all income & expenses.

This statement also displays Council's original adopted budget to provide a comparison between what was projected and what actually occurred.

2. The Statement of Comprehensive Income

Primarily records changes in the fair values of Council's Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment.

3. The Statement of Financial Position

A 30 June snapshot of Council's financial position indicating its Assets, Liabilities & "Net Wealth".

4. The Statement of Changes in Equity

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

5. The Statement of Cash Flows

Indicates where Council's cash came from and where it was spent.

This statement also displays Council's original adopted budget to provide a comparison between what was projected and what actually occurred.

About the Notes to the Financial Statements

The Notes to the financial statements provide greater detail and additional information on the 5 primary financial statements.

About the Auditor's Reports

Council's financial statements are required to be audited by external accountants (that generally specialize in Local Government).

In NSW, the Auditor provides 2 audit reports:

1. An opinion on whether the financial statements present fairly the Council's financial performance & position, &
2. Their observations on the conduct of the Audit including commentary on the Council's financial performance & financial position.

Who uses the Financial Statements?

The financial statements are publicly available documents & must be presented at a Council meeting between 7 days & 5 weeks after the date of the Audit Report.

Submissions from the public can be made to Council up to 7 days subsequent to the public presentation of the financial statements.

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

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General Purpose Financial Statements

for the financial year ended 30 June 2013

Statement by Councillors and Management

made pursuant to Section 413(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993 (as amended)

The attached General Purpose Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with:

- The Local Government Act 1993 (as amended) and the Regulations made thereunder,
- The Australian Accounting Standards and professional pronouncements, and
- The Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.

To the best of our knowledge and belief, these Financial Statements:

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

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

Signed in accordance with a resolution of Council made on 28 August 2013.




Clr G Hiscock
CHAIRPERSON



Clr J McInerney
COUNCILLOR



Mr G Haley
GENERAL MANAGER



Ms M Curran
RESPONSIBLE ACCOUNTING OFFICER

Riverina Water County Council

Income Statement

for the financial year ended 30 June 2013

Budget ⁽¹⁾			Actual	Actual
2013	\$ '000	Notes	2013	2012
Income from Continuing Operations				
Revenue:				
3,622	Rates & Annual Charges	3a	3,724	3,229
15,703	User Charges & Fees	3b	18,177	12,006
100	Interest & Investment Revenue	3c	513	187
118	Other Revenues	3d	177	240
195	Grants & Contributions provided for Operating Purposes	3e,f	218	213
1,300	Grants & Contributions provided for Capital Purposes	3e,f	2,847	1,747
Other Income:				
36	Net gains from the disposal of assets	5	121	-
	Net Share of interests in Joint Ventures & Associated			
-	Entities using the equity method	19	-	-
21,074	Total Income from Continuing Operations		25,777	17,622
Expenses from Continuing Operations				
8,436	Employee Benefits & On-Costs	4a	7,433	7,460
333	Borrowing Costs	4b	402	69
1,382	Materials & Contracts	4c	2,434	1,600
4,800	Depreciation & Amortisation	4d	6,776	5,035
-	Impairment	4d	(50)	200
3,035	Other Expenses	4e	4,776	2,751
-	Net Losses from the Disposal of Assets	5	-	22
17,986	Total Expenses from Continuing Operations		21,771	17,137
3,088	Operating Result from Continuing Operations		4,006	485
Discontinued Operations				
-	Net Profit/(Loss) from Discontinued Operations	24	-	-
3,088	Net Operating Result for the Year		4,006	485
3,088	Net Operating Result attributable to Council		4,006	485
-	Net Operating Result attributable to Non-controlling Interests		-	-
Net Operating Result for the year before Grants and Contributions provided for Capital Purposes				
1,788			1,159	(1,262)

(1) Original Budget as approved by Council - refer Note 16

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Statement of Comprehensive Income

for the financial year ended 30 June 2013

\$ '000	Notes	Actual 2013	Actual 2012
Net Operating Result for the year (as per Income statement)		4,006	485
Other Comprehensive Income:			
Amounts which will not be reclassified subsequently to the Operating Result			
Gain (loss) on revaluation of I,PP&E	20b (ii)	8,680	(2,833)
Total Items which will not be reclassified subsequently to the Operating Result		8,680	(2,833)
Amounts which will be reclassified subsequently to the Operating Result when specific conditions are met			
Nil			
Total Other Comprehensive Income for the year		8,680	(2,833)
Total Comprehensive Income for the Year		12,686	(2,348)
Total Comprehensive Income attributable to Council		12,686	(2,348)
Total Comprehensive Income attributable to Non-controlling Interests		-	-

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Statement of Financial Position

as at 30 June 2013

\$ '000	Notes	Actual 2013	Actual 2012
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash & Cash Equivalents	6a	10,271	6,191
Investments	6b	15,000	-
Receivables	7	2,820	1,991
Inventories	8	3,833	3,567
Other	8	49	179
Total Current Assets		31,973	11,928
Non-Current Assets			
Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	9	194,548	187,505
Intangible Assets	25	1,550	1,500
Total Non-Current Assets		196,098	189,005
TOTAL ASSETS		228,071	200,933
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Payables	10	695	973
Borrowings	10	1,272	110
Provisions	10	2,987	2,875
Total Current Liabilities		4,954	3,958
Non-Current Liabilities			
Borrowings	10	16,515	3,059
Total Non-Current Liabilities		16,515	3,059
TOTAL LIABILITIES		21,469	7,017
Net Assets		206,602	193,916
EQUITY			
Retained Earnings	20	66,205	62,199
Revaluation Reserves	20	140,397	131,717
Council Equity Interest		206,602	193,916
Non-controlling Interests		-	-
Total Equity		206,602	193,916

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Statement of Changes in Equity
for the financial year ended 30 June 2013

\$ '000	Notes	Retained Earnings	Reserves (Refer 20b)	Council Interest	Non-controlling Interest	Total Equity
2013						
Opening Balance (as per Last Year's Audited Accounts)		62,199	131,717	193,916	-	193,916
a. Correction of Prior Period Errors	20 (c)	-	-	-	-	-
b. Changes in Accounting Policies (prior year effects)	20 (d)	-	-	-	-	-
Revised Opening Balance (as at 1/7/12)		62,199	131,717	193,916	-	193,916
c. Net Operating Result for the Year		4,006	-	4,006	-	4,006
d. Other Comprehensive Income						
- Revaluations : IPP&E Asset Revaluation Rsve	20b (ii)	-	8,680	8,680	-	8,680
- Revaluations: Other Reserves	20b (ii)	-	-	-	-	-
- Transfers to Income Statement	20b (ii)	-	-	-	-	-
- Impairment (loss) reversal relating to I,PP&E	20b (ii)	-	-	-	-	-
- Other Movements	20b (ii)	-	-	-	-	-
Other Comprehensive Income		-	8,680	8,680	-	8,680
Total Comprehensive Income (c&d)		4,006	8,680	12,686	-	12,686
e. Distributions to/(Contributions from) Non-controlling Interests		-	-	-	-	-
f. Transfers between Equity		-	-	-	-	-
Equity - Balance at end of the reporting period		66,205	140,397	206,602	-	206,602
2012						
Opening Balance (as per Last Year's Audited Accounts)		61,714	134,550	196,264	-	196,264
a. Correction of Prior Period Errors	20 (c)	-	-	-	-	-
b. Changes in Accounting Policies (prior year effects)	20 (d)	-	-	-	-	-
Revised Opening Balance (as at 1/7/11)		61,714	134,550	196,264	-	196,264
c. Net Operating Result for the Year		485	-	485	-	485
d. Other Comprehensive Income						
- Revaluations : IPP&E Asset Revaluation Rsve	20b (ii)	-	(2,833)	(2,833)	-	(2,833)
- Revaluations: Other Reserves	20b (ii)	-	-	-	-	-
- Transfers to Income Statement	20b (ii)	-	-	-	-	-
- Impairment (loss) reversal relating to I,PP&E	20b (ii)	-	-	-	-	-
- Other Movements	20b (ii)	-	-	-	-	-
Other Comprehensive Income		-	(2,833)	(2,833)	-	(2,833)
Total Comprehensive Income (c&d)		485	(2,833)	(2,348)	-	(2,348)
e. Distributions to/(Contributions from) Non-controlling Interests		-	-	-	-	-
f. Transfers between Equity		-	-	-	-	-
Equity - Balance at end of the reporting period		62,199	131,717	193,916	-	193,916

This Statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying Notes.

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Statement of Cash Flows

for the financial year ended 30 June 2013

Budget 2013	\$ '000	Notes	Actual 2013	Actual 2012
Cash Flows from Operating Activities				
Receipts:				
3,534	Rates & Annual Charges		3,650	3,131
15,696	User Charges & Fees		17,865	11,777
101	Investment & Interest Revenue Received		449	162
1,554	Grants & Contributions		2,910	1,954
-	Bonds, Deposits & Retention amounts received		7	5
203	Other		1,140	2,104
Payments:				
(8,357)	Employee Benefits & On-Costs		(7,322)	(6,908)
(1,482)	Materials & Contracts		(2,940)	(1,831)
(333)	Borrowing Costs		(402)	(69)
(3,033)	Other		(5,877)	(3,181)
7,883	Net Cash provided (or used in) Operating Activities	11b	9,480	7,144
Cash Flows from Investing Activities				
Receipts:				
411	Sale of Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment		507	293
Payments:				
-	Purchase of Investment Securities		(15,000)	-
(14,746)	Purchase of Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment		(5,525)	(5,976)
(14,335)	Net Cash provided (or used in) Investing Activities		(20,018)	(5,683)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities				
Receipts:				
6,000	Proceeds from Borrowings & Advances		15,000	3,200
Payments:				
(122)	Repayment of Borrowings & Advances		(382)	(31)
5,878	Net Cash Flow provided (used in) Financing Activities		14,618	3,169
(574)	Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash & Cash Equivalents		4,080	4,630
4,713	plus: Cash & Cash Equivalents - beginning of year	11a	6,191	1,561
4,139	Cash & Cash Equivalents - end of the year	11a	10,271	6,191
Additional Information:				
	plus: Investments on hand - end of year	6b	15,000	-
	Total Cash, Cash Equivalents & Investments		25,271	6,191

Please refer to Note 11 for additional cash flow information.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

for the financial year ended 30 June 2013

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n/a - not applicable

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Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted by Council in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below in order to assist in its general understanding.

Under Australian Accounting Standards (AASBs), accounting policies are defined as those specific principles, bases, conventions, rules and practices applied by a reporting entity (in this case Council) in preparing and presenting its financial statements.

(a) Basis of preparation

(i) Background

These financial statements are general purpose financial statements which have been prepared in accordance with;

- Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board,
- the Local Government Act (1993) & Regulation, and
- the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.

For the purpose of preparing these financial statements, Council has been deemed to be a not-for-profit entity.

(ii) Compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs)

Because AASBs are sector neutral, some standards either:

- (a) have local Australian content and prescription that is specific to the Not-For-Profit sector (including Local Government) which are not in compliance with IFRS's, or
- (b) specifically exclude application by Not for Profit entities.

Accordingly in preparing these financial statements and accompanying notes, Council has been unable to comply fully with International Accounting Standards, but has complied fully with Australian Accounting Standards.

Under the Local Government Act (LGA), Regulations and Local Government Code of Accounting Practice & Financial Reporting, it should be noted that Councils in NSW only have a requirement to comply with AASBs.

(iii) New and amended standards adopted by Council

None of the new standards and amendments to standards that are mandatory for the first time for the financial year beginning 1 July 2012 affected any of the amounts recognised in the current period or any prior period and are not likely to affect future periods.

(iv) Early adoption of Accounting Standards

Council has not elected to apply any pronouncements before their operative date in the annual reporting period beginning 1 July 2012.

Refer further to paragraph (ab) relating to a summary of the effects of Standards with future operative dates.

(v) Basis of Accounting

These financial statements have been prepared under the **historical cost convention** except for:

- (i) financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss, available-for-sale financial assets and investment properties which are all valued at fair value,
- (ii) the write down of any Asset on the basis of Impairment (if warranted) and
- (iii) certain classes of Infrastructure, property, plant & equipment that are accounted for at fair valuation.

The accrual basis of accounting has also been applied in their preparation.

(vi) Changes in Accounting Policies

Council's accounting policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

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for the financial year ended 30 June 2013

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

There have also been no changes in accounting policies when compared with previous financial statements unless otherwise stated [refer Note 20(d)].

(vii) Critical Accounting Estimates

The preparation of financial statements requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates (in conformity with AASBs).

Accordingly this requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the Council's accounting policies.

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

(b) Revenue recognition

Council recognises revenue when the amount of revenue can be reliably measured, it is probable that future economic benefits will flow to the entity and specific criteria have been met for each of the Council's activities as described below.

Council bases any estimates on historical results, taking into consideration the type of customer, the type of transaction and the specifics of each arrangement.

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable.

Revenue is measured on major income categories as follows:

Annual Charges, Grants and Contributions

Annual charges, grants and contributions (including developer contributions) are recognised as revenues when the Council obtains control over the assets comprising these receipts.

Control over assets acquired from rates and annual charges is obtained at the commencement of the rating year as it is an enforceable debt linked to the rateable property or, where earlier, upon receipt of the rates.

A provision for the impairment on rates receivables has not been established as unpaid rates represent a charge against the rateable property that will be recovered when the property is next sold.

Control over granted assets is normally obtained upon their receipt (or acquittal) or upon earlier notification that a grant has been secured, and is valued at their fair value at the date of transfer.

Revenue from Contributions is recognised when the Council either obtains control of the contribution or the right to receive it, **(i)** it is probable that the economic benefits comprising the contribution will flow to the Council and **(ii)** the amount of the contribution can be measured reliably.

Where grants or contributions recognised as revenues during the financial year were obtained on condition that they be expended in a particular manner or used over a particular period and those conditions were undischarged at balance date, the unused grant or contribution is disclosed in Note 3(g).

Note 3(g) also discloses the amount of unused grant or contribution from prior years that was expended on Council's operations during the current year.

Developer contributions may only be expended for the purposes for which the contributions were required but the Council may apply contributions according to the priorities established in work schedules.

A detailed Note relating to developer contributions can be found at Note 17.

User Charges, Fees and Other Income

User charges, fees and other income (including parking fees and fines) are recognised as revenue when the service has been provided, the payment is received, or when the penalty has been applied, whichever first occurs.

A provision for the impairment of these receivables is recognised when collection in full is no longer probable.

A liability is recognised in respect of revenue that is reciprocal in nature to the extent that the requisite service has not been provided as at balance date.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

for the financial year ended 30 June 2013

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Sale of Infrastructure, Property, Plant and Equipment

The profit or loss on sale of an asset is determined when control of the asset has irrevocably passed to the buyer.

Interest and Rents

Rents are recognised as revenue on a proportional basis when the payment is due, the value of the payment is notified, or the payment is received, whichever first occurs.

Interest Income from Cash & Investments is accounted for using the Effective Interest method in accordance with AASB 139.

(c) Principles of Consolidation

These financial statements incorporate (i) the assets and liabilities of Council and any Entities (or operations) that it **controls** (as at 30 June 2013) and (ii) all the related operating results (for the financial year ended the 30th June 2013).

The financial statements also include Council's share of the assets, liabilities, income and expenses of any **Jointly Controlled Operations** under the appropriate headings.

In the process of reporting on Council's activities as a single unit, all inter-entity year end balances and reporting period transactions have been eliminated in full between Council and its controlled entities.

(i) The Consolidated Fund

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

The Consolidated Fund and other entities through which the Council controls resources to carry on its functions have been included in the financial statements forming part of this report.

Council is a single fund entity and as such the water supply is the only entity operation.

(ii) The Trust Fund

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

Council did not hold any funds in trust at 30 June 2013.

(iii) Joint Ventures

Council has no interest in any Joint Venture Entities, Assets or Operations.

(iv) Associated Entities

Where Council has the power to participate in the financial and operating decisions (of another entity), ie. where Council is deemed to have "significant influence" over the other entities operations but neither controls nor jointly controls the entity, then Council accounts for such interests using the equity method of accounting – in a similar fashion to Joint Venture Entities & Partnerships.

Such entities are usually termed Associates.

(v) County Councils

Council is not a member of any County Councils.

(vi) Additional Information

Council does not have any Joint Venture Entities, Associated Entities or Joint Venture Operations.

(d) Leases

Council does not have any Finance Leases or Operating Leases.

(e) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes;

- cash on hand,

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Notes to the Financial Statements

for the financial year ended 30 June 2013

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

- deposits held **at call** with financial institutions,
- other short-term, highly liquid investments **with original maturities of three months or less** that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value, and
- bank overdrafts.

Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities on the balance sheet but are incorporated into Cash & Cash Equivalents for presentation of the Cash Flow Statement.

(f) Investments and Other Financial Assets

Council (in accordance with AASB 139) classifies each of its investments into one of the following categories for measurement purposes:

- **financial assets at fair value through profit or loss,**
- **loans and receivables,**
- **held-to-maturity investments,** and
- **available-for-sale financial assets.**

Each classification depends on the purpose/intention for which the investment was acquired & at the time it was acquired.

Management determines each Investment classification at the time of initial recognition and re-evaluates this designation at each reporting date.

(i) Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss include financial assets that are "held for trading".

A financial asset is classified in the "held for trading" category if it is acquired principally for the purpose of selling in the short term.

Assets in this category are primarily classified as current assets as they are primarily held for trading &/or are expected to be realised within 12 months of the balance sheet date.

(ii) Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are non derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market.

They arise when the Council provides money, goods or services directly to a debtor with no intention (or in some cases ability) of selling the resulting receivable.

They are included in current assets, except for those with maturities greater than 12 months after the balance sheet date which are classified as non-current assets.

(iii) Held-to-maturity investments

Held-to-maturity investments are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments and fixed maturities that the Council's management has the positive intention and ability to hold to maturity.

In contrast to the "Loans & Receivables" classification, these investments are generally quoted in an active market.

Held-to-maturity financial assets are included in non-current assets, except for those with maturities less than 12 months from the reporting date, which are classified as current assets.

(iv) Available-for-sale financial assets

Available-for-sale financial assets are non-derivatives that are either designated in this category or not classified in any of the other categories.

Investments must be designated as available-for-sale if they do not have fixed maturities and fixed or determinable payments and management intends to hold them for the medium to long term.

Accordingly, this classification principally comprises marketable equity securities, but can include all types of financial assets that could otherwise be classified in one of the other investment categories.

They are generally included in non-current assets unless management intends to dispose of the investment within 12 months of the balance sheet date or the term to maturity from the reporting date is less than 12 months.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

for the financial year ended 30 June 2013

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Financial Assets – Reclassification

Council may choose to reclassify a non-derivative trading financial asset out of the held-for-trading category if the financial asset is no longer held for the purpose of selling it in the near term.

Financial assets other than loans and receivables are permitted to be reclassified out of the held-for-trading category only in rare circumstances arising from a single event that is unusual and highly unlikely to recur in the near term.

Council may also choose to reclassify financial assets that would meet the definition of loans and receivables out of the held-for-trading or available-for-sale categories if it has the intention and ability to hold these financial assets for the foreseeable future or until maturity at the date of reclassification.

Reclassifications are made at fair value as of the reclassification date. Fair value becomes the new cost or amortised cost as applicable, and no reversals of fair value gains or losses recorded before reclassification date are subsequently made.

Effective interest rates for financial assets reclassified to loans and receivables and held-to-maturity categories are determined at the reclassification date. Further increases in estimates of cash flows adjust effective interest rates prospectively.

General Accounting & Measurement of Financial Instruments:

(i) Initial Recognition

Investments are initially recognised (and measured) at fair value, plus in the case of investments not at "fair value through profit or loss", directly attributable transactions costs

Purchases and sales of investments are recognised on trade-date - the date on which the Council commits to purchase or sell the asset.

Financial assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the financial assets have expired or have been transferred and the Council has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership.

(ii) Subsequent Measurement

Available-for-sale financial assets and **financial assets at fair value through profit and loss** are subsequently carried at fair value.

Loans and receivables and **held-to-maturity** investments are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Realised and unrealised gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value of the financial assets classified as "**fair value through profit or loss**" category are included in the income statement in the period in which they arise.

Unrealised gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value of non monetary securities classified as "**available-for-sale**" are recognised in equity in the available-for-sale investments revaluation reserve.

When securities classified as "**available-for-sale**" are sold or impaired, the accumulated fair value adjustments are included in the income statement as gains and losses from investment securities.

Impairment

Council assesses at each balance date whether there is objective evidence that a financial asset or group of financial assets is impaired.

A financial asset or a group of financial assets is impaired and impairment losses are incurred only if there is objective evidence of impairment as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the asset (a 'loss event') and that loss event (or events) has an impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset or group of financial assets that can be reliably estimated.

(iii) Types of Investments

Council has an approved Investment Policy in order to undertake its investment of money in accordance with (and to comply with) Section 625 of the Local Government Act and S212 of the LG (General) Regulation 2005.

Investments are placed and managed in accordance with the Policy and having particular regard to authorised investments prescribed under the Ministerial Local Government Investment Order.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

for the financial year ended 30 June 2013

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Council maintains its investment Policy in compliance with the Act and ensures that it or its representatives exercise care, diligence and skill that a prudent person would exercise in investing Council funds.

Council amended its policy following revisions to the Ministerial Local Government Investment Order arising from the Cole Inquiry recommendations.

(g) Fair value estimation

The fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities must be estimated for recognition and measurement or for disclosure purposes.

The fair value of financial instruments traded in active markets is based on quoted market prices at the balance sheet date.

The fair value of financial instruments that are not traded in an active market is determined using valuation techniques.

Council uses a variety of methods and makes assumptions that are based on market conditions existing at each balance date.

Quoted market prices or dealer quotes for similar instruments are used for long-term debt instruments held.

If the market for a financial asset is not active (and for unlisted securities), the Council establishes fair value by using valuation techniques.

These include reference to the fair values of recent arm's length transactions, involving the same instruments or other instruments that are substantially the same, discounted cash flow analysis, and option pricing models refined to reflect the issuer's specific circumstances.

The nominal value less estimated credit adjustments of trade receivables and payables are assumed to approximate their fair values.

The fair value of financial liabilities for disclosure purposes is estimated by discounting the future contractual cash flows at the current market interest rate that is available to the Council for similar financial instruments.

(h) Receivables

Receivables are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost, less any provision for impairment.

Receivables (excluding Rates & Annual Charges) are generally due for settlement no more than 30 days from the date of recognition.

The collectibility of receivables is reviewed on an ongoing basis. Debts which are known to be uncollectible are written off in accordance with Council's policy.

A provision for impairment (ie. an allowance account) relating to receivables is established when there is objective evidence that the Council will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of each receivable.

The amount of the provision is the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows, discounted at the effective interest rate.

Impairment losses are recognised in the Income Statement within other expenses.

When a receivable for which an impairment allowance had been recognised becomes uncollectible in a subsequent period, it is written off against the allowance account.

Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off are credited against other expenses in the income statement.

(i) Inventories

Raw Materials and Stores, Work in Progress and Finished Goods

Raw materials and stores, work in progress and finished goods in respect of business undertakings are all stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Cost comprises direct materials, direct labour and an appropriate proportion of variable and fixed overhead expenditure, the latter being allocated on the basis of normal operating capacity.

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Costs are assigned to individual items of inventory on the basis of weighted average costs.

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

Inventories held in respect of non-business undertakings have been valued at cost subject to adjustment for loss of service potential.

Land Held for Resale/Capitalisation of Borrowing Costs

Council does not hold any land held for resale.

(j) Infrastructure, Property, Plant and Equipment (I,PP&E)

Acquisition of assets

Council's non current assets are continually revalued (over a 5 year period) in accordance with the fair valuation policy as mandated by the Division of Local Government.

At balance date, the following classes of I,PP&E were stated at their Fair Value;

- **Water and Sewerage Networks**
(External/Internal Valuation)
- **Operational Land** (External Valuation)
- **Buildings – Specialised/Non Specialised**
(External Valuation)
- **Plant and Equipment**
(as approximated by depreciated historical cost)
- **Other Structures**
(as approximated by depreciated historical cost)
- **Other Assets**
(as approximated by depreciated historical cost)

Initial Recognition

On initial recognition, an assets cost is measured at its fair value, plus all expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition.

Where settlement of any part of an asset's cash consideration is deferred, the amounts payable in

the future are discounted to their present value as at the date of recognition (ie. date of exchange) of the asset to arrive at fair value.

The discount rate used is the Council's incremental borrowing rate, being the rate at which a similar borrowing could be obtained from an independent financier under comparable terms and conditions.

Where infrastructure, property, plant and equipment assets are acquired for no cost or for an amount other than cost, the assets are recognised in the financial statements at their fair value at acquisition date - being the amount that the asset could have been exchanged between knowledgeable willing parties in an arm's length transaction.

Subsequent costs

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to Council and the cost of the item can be measured reliably.

All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the income statement during the financial period in which they are incurred.

Asset Revaluations (including Indexation)

In accounting for Asset Revaluations relating to Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment:

- Increases in the combined carrying amounts of asset classes arising on revaluation are credited to the asset revaluation reserve.
- To the extent that a net asset class increase reverses a decrease previously recognised via the profit or loss, then increase is first recognised in profit or loss.
- Net decreases that reverse previous increases of the same asset class are first charged against revaluation reserves directly in equity to the extent of the remaining reserve attributable to the asset, with all other decreases charged to the Income statement.

Water and sewerage network assets are indexed annually between full revaluations in accordance with

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the latest indices provided in the NSW Office of Water - Rates Reference Manual.

For all other assets, Council assesses at each reporting date whether there is any indication that a revalued asset's carrying amount may differ materially from that which would be determined if the asset were revalued at the reporting date.

If any such indication exists, Council determines the asset's fair value and revalues the asset to that amount.

Full revaluations are undertaken for all assets on a 5 year cycle.

Capitalisation Thresholds

Items of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment are not capitalised unless their cost of acquisition exceeds the following;

Land	100% Capitalised
Plant & Equipment	> \$1,000
Furniture & Fittings	> \$1,000
Buildings - construction	> \$5,000
Buildings - renovations	> \$5,000
Other Structures	> \$5,000
Water Assets	
Reticulation extensions	> \$5,000
Other	> \$5,000

Depreciation

Depreciation on Council's infrastructure, property, plant and equipment assets is calculated using the straight line method in order to allocate an assets cost (net of residual values) over its estimated useful life.

Land is not depreciated.

Estimated useful lives for Council's I,PP&E include:

Plant & Equipment	
- Office Equipment	5 to 10 years
- Office Furniture	10 to 20 years
- Computer Equipment	5 years
- Vehicles	5 to 10 years
- Heavy Plant/Road Making equip.	5 to 10 years
- Other plant and equipment	5 to 15 years

Buildings

- Buildings : Masonry	50 to 100 years
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Water Assets

- Dams and reservoirs	80 to 100 years
- Bores	20 to 40 years
- Reticulation pipes : PVC	80 years
- Reticulation pipes : Other	25 to 75 years
- Pumps and telemetry	15 to 20 years

All asset residual values and useful lives are reviewed and adjusted (where appropriate), at each balance sheet date.

An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount – refer Note 1(s) on Asset Impairment.

Disposal and De-recognition

An item of property, plant and equipment is derecognised upon disposal or when no further future economic benefits are expected from its use or disposal.

Any gain or loss arising on derecognition of the asset (calculated as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset) is included in Council's Income Statement in the year the asset is derecognised.

(k) Land

Land (other than Land under Roads) is in accordance with Part 2 of Chapter 6 of the Local Government Act (1993) classified as either Operational or Community.

This classification of Land is disclosed in Note 9(a).

(l) Land under roads

Council does not hold any land under roads.

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(m) Intangible Assets

Water Licence Rights

Costs capitalised include external direct costs associated with the purchase of the licence.

These rights are valued each year and any associated impairment or fair valuation increment are included.

Full revaluations are carried out every five years with an appropriate index utilised each year in between the full revaluations.

The last full revaluation for Council's Investment Properties was dated 30/06/11.

(n) Crown Reserves

Crown Reserves under Council's care and control are recognised as assets of the Council.

While ownership of the reserves remains with the Crown, Council retains operational control of the reserves and is responsible for their maintenance and use in accordance with the specific purposes to which the reserves are dedicated.

Improvements on Crown Reserves are also recorded as assets, while maintenance costs incurred by Council and revenues relating the reserves are recognised within Council's Income Statement.

Representations are currently being sought across State and Local Government to develop a consistent accounting treatment for Crown Reserves across both tiers of government.

(q) Provisions for close down, restoration and for environmental clean up costs – including Tips and Quarries

Council does not have any requirement to provide for close down, restoration or environmental clean up costs.

(r) Non-Current Assets (or Disposal Groups) "Held for Sale" & Discontinued Operations

Non-current assets (or disposal groups) are classified as held for sale and stated at the lower of either (i) their carrying amount and (ii) fair value less costs to sell, if their carrying amount will be recovered principally through a sale transaction rather than through continuing use.

The exception to this is plant and motor vehicles which are turned over on a regular basis. Plant and motor vehicles are retained in Non Current Assets under the classification of Infrastructure, Property, Plant and Equipment - unless the assets are to be traded in after 30 June and the replacement assets were already purchased and accounted for as at 30 June.

For any assets or disposal groups classified as Non-Current Assets "held for sale", an impairment loss is recognised at any time when the assets carrying value is greater than its fair value less costs to sell.

(o) Rural Fire Service assets

Council does not hold any Rural Fire Service Assets.

(p) Investment property

Investment property comprises land &/or buildings that are principally held for long-term rental yields, capital gains or both that is not occupied by Council.

Investment property is carried at fair value, representing an open-market value determined by external valuers. Annual changes in the fair value of Investment Properties are recorded in the Income Statement as part of "Other Income".

Non-current assets "held for sale" are not depreciated or amortised while they are classified as "held for sale".

Non-current assets classified as "held for sale" are presented separately from the other assets in the balance sheet.

A Discontinued Operation is a component of the entity that has been disposed of or is classified as "held for sale" and that represents a separate major line of business or geographical area of operations,

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is part of a single co-ordinated plan to dispose of such a line of business or area of operations, or is a subsidiary acquired exclusively with a view to resale.

The results of discontinued operations are presented separately on the face of the income statement.

(s) Impairment of assets

All Council's I,PP&E is subject to an annual assessment of impairment.

Assets that are subject to amortisation are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable.

An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount.

The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use.

Where an asset is not held principally for cash generating purposes (for example Infrastructure Assets) and would be replaced if the Council was deprived of it then depreciated replacement cost is used as value in use, otherwise value in use is estimated by using a discounted cash flow model.

Non-financial assets (other than goodwill) that suffered a prior period impairment are reviewed for possible reversal of the impairment at each reporting date.

Goodwill & other Intangible Assets that have an indefinite useful life and are not subject to amortisation are tested annually for impairment.

(t) Payables

These amounts represent liabilities and include goods and services provided to the Council prior to the end of financial year which are unpaid.

The amounts for goods and services are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition.

(u) Borrowings

Borrowings are initially recognised at fair value, net of transaction costs incurred.

Borrowings are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Amortisation results in any difference between the proceeds (net of transaction costs) and the redemption amount being recognised in the Income Statement over the period of the borrowings using the effective interest method.

Borrowings are removed from the balance sheet when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expired.

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

(v) Borrowing costs

Borrowing costs are expensed.

(w) Provisions

Provisions for legal claims, service warranties and other like liabilities are recognised when:

- Council has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events;
- it is more likely than not that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation; and
- the amount has been reliably estimated.

Provisions are not recognised for future operating losses.

Where there are a number of similar obligations, the likelihood that an outflow will be required in settlement is determined by considering the class of obligations as a whole.

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A provision is recognised even if the likelihood of an outflow with respect to any one item included in the same class of obligations may be small.

Provisions are measured at the present value of management's best estimate of the expenditure required to settle the present obligation at the reporting date.

The discount rate used to determine the present value reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the liability.

The increase in the provision due to the passage of time is recognised as interest expense.

(x) Employee benefits

(i) Short Term Obligations

Short term employee benefit obligations include liabilities for wages and salaries (including non-monetary benefits), annual leave and vesting sick leave expected to be settled within the 12 months after the reporting period.

Leave liabilities are recognised in the provision for employee benefits in respect of employees' services up to the reporting date with other short term employee benefit obligations disclosed under payables.

These provisions are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled.

Liabilities for non vesting sick leave are recognised at the time when the leave is taken and measured at the rates paid or payable, and accordingly no Liability has been recognised in these reports.

Wages & salaries, annual leave and vesting sick leave are all classified as Current Liabilities.

(ii) Other Long Term Obligations

The liability for all long service and annual leave in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date (which is not expected to be settled within the 12 months after the reporting period) are recognised in the provision for employee benefits.

These liabilities are measured at the present value of the expected future payments to be made 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 then discounted using market yields at the reporting date based on national government bonds with terms to maturity and currency that match as closely as possible the estimated future cash outflows.

Due to the nature of when and how Long Service Leave can be taken, all Long Service Leave for employees with 5 or more years of service has been classified as Current, as it has been deemed that Council does not have the unconditional right to defer settlement beyond 12 months – even though it is not anticipated that all employees with more than 5 years service (as at reporting date) will apply for and take their leave entitlements in the next 12 months.

(iii) Retirement benefit obligations

All employees of the Council are entitled to benefits on retirement, disability or death.

Council contributes to various defined benefit plans and defined contribution plans on behalf of its employees.

Defined Benefit Plans

A liability or asset in respect of defined benefit superannuation plans would ordinarily be recognised in the balance sheet, 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.

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However, when this information is not reliably available, Council can account for its obligations to defined benefit plans on the same basis as its obligations to defined contribution plans – i.e. as an expense when they become payable.

Council is party to an Industry Defined Benefit Plan under the Local Government Superannuation Scheme, named the “Local Government Superannuation Scheme – Pool B”. This Scheme has been deemed to be a “multi employer fund” for the purposes of AASB 119. Sufficient information is not available to account for the Scheme as a defined benefit plan (in accordance with AASB 119) because the assets to the scheme are pooled together for all Councils.

The amount of employer contributions to the defined benefit section of the Local Government superannuation Scheme and recognised as an expense for the year ended 30 June 2013 was \$333,837. The last valuation of the Scheme was performed by Mr Martin Stevenson BSc, FIA, FIAA on 20 February 2013 and covers the period ended 30 June 2013. However the position is monitored annually and the Actuary has estimated that as at 30 June 2013 a deficit still exists.

Effective from 1 July 2013, employers are required to contribute additional contributions to assist in extinguishing this deficit. The annual amount of additional contributions payable until the deficit is extinguished is \$162,864. The additional contributions remitted during the year are included in the total employer contributions set out above.

The share of this deficit that can be broadly attributed to Council was estimated to be in the order of \$757,210 as at 30 June 2013.

Council's share of that deficiency cannot be accurately calculated as the Scheme is a mutual arrangement where assets and liabilities are pooled together for all member councils.

For this reason, no liability for the deficiency has been recognised in these financial statements.

Council has, however, disclosed a contingent liability in Note 18 to reflect the possible obligation that may arise should the Scheme require immediate payment to correct the deficiency.

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.

(iv) Employee Benefit On-Costs

Council has recognised at year end the aggregate on-cost liabilities arising from employee benefits, and in particular those on-cost liabilities that will arise when payment of current employee benefits is made in future periods.

These amounts include Superannuation and Workers Compensation expenses which will be payable upon the future payment of certain Leave Liabilities accrued as at 30/6/13.

(y) Self insurance

Council does not self insure.

(z) Allocation between current and non-current assets & liabilities

In the determination of whether an asset or liability is classified as 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 12 months, being the Council's operational cycle.

Exceptions

In the case of liabilities where Council does not have the unconditional right to defer settlement beyond 12 months (such as vested long service leave), the liability is classified as current even if not expected to be settled within the next 12 months.

In the case of inventories that are “held for trading”, these are also classified as current even if not expected to be realised in the next 12 months.

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(aa) Taxes

The Council is exempt from both Commonwealth Income Tax and Capital Gains Tax.

Council does however have to comply with both Fringe Benefits Tax and Goods and Services Tax (GST).

Goods & Services Tax (GST)

Income, expenses and assets are all recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Tax Office (ATO).

In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the revenue / expense.

Receivables and payables within the Balance Sheet are stated inclusive of any applicable GST.

The net amount of GST recoverable from or payable to the ATO is included as a current asset or current liability in the Balance Sheet.

Operating cash flows within the Cash Flow Statement are on a gross basis, ie. they are inclusive of GST where applicable.

Investing and Financing cash flows are treated on a net basis (where recoverable from the ATO), ie. they are exclusive of GST. Instead, the GST component of investing and financing activity cash flows which are recoverable from or payable to the ATO are classified as operating cash flows.

Commitments and contingencies are disclosed net of the amount of GST recoverable from (or payable to) the ATO.

(ab) New accounting standards and UIG interpretations

Certain new (or amended) accounting standards and interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for reporting periods ending 30 June 2013.

Council has not adopted any of these standards early.

Council's assessment of the impact of these new standards and interpretations is set out below.

Applicable to Local Government with implications:

AASB 9 Financial Instruments, associated standards, AASB 2010-7 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 9 and AASB 2012-6 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Mandatory Effective Date of AASB 9 and transitional disclosures (effective from 1 January 2015)

AASB 9 Financial Instruments addresses the classification, measurement and de-recognition of financial assets and financial liabilities.

The standard is not applicable until 1 January 2015 but is available for early adoption.

When adopted, the standard will affect in particular Council's accounting for its available-for-sale financial assets, since AASB 9 only permits the recognition of fair value gains and losses in other comprehensive income if they relate to equity investments that are not held for trading.

Fair value gains and losses on available-for-sale debt investments, for example, will therefore have to be recognised directly in profit or loss although there is currently a proposal by the IASB to introduce a Fair value through Other Comprehensive Income category for debt instruments.

There will be no impact on Council's accounting for financial liabilities, as the new requirements only affect the accounting for financial liabilities that are designated at fair value through profit or loss and Council does not have any such liabilities.

The de-recognition rules have been transferred from AASB 139 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement and have not been changed.

AASB 13 Fair Value Measurement and AASB 2011-8 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 13 (effective 1 January 2013)

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AASB 13 explains how to measure fair value and aims to enhance fair value disclosures.

Council has yet to determine which, if any, of its current measurement techniques will have to change as a result of the new guidance.

It is therefore not possible to state the impact, if any, of the new rules on any of the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

However, application of the new standard will impact the type of information disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.

Council does not intend to adopt the new standard before its operative date, which means that it would be first applied in the annual reporting period ending 30 June 2014.

Applicable to Local Government but no implications for Council;

AASB 2012-2 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Disclosures – Offsetting Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities [AASB 132 & AASB 7] (effective 1 January 2013)

This Standard amends the required disclosures in AASB 7 to include information that will enable users of an entity's financial statements to evaluate the effect or potential effect of netting arrangements, including rights of set-off associated with the entity's recognised financial assets and recognised financial liabilities, on the entity's financial position.

This Standard also amends AASB 132 to refer to the additional disclosures added to AASB 7 by this Standard.

The adoption of this standard will not change the reported financial position and performance of the entity, there are no impact on disclosures as there are no offsetting arrangements currently in place.

AASB 2012-3 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Offsetting Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities [AASB 132] (effective 1 January 2014).

This Standard adds application guidance to AASB 132 to address inconsistencies identified in applying some of the offsetting criteria of AASB 132, including clarifying the meaning of "currently has a legally

enforceable right of set-off" and that some gross settlement systems may be considered equivalent to net settlement.

The adoption of this standard will not change the reported financial position and performance of the entity, there are no impact on disclosures as there are no offsetting arrangements currently in place.

Applicable to Local Government but not relevant to Council at this stage;

AASB 10 Consolidated Financial Statements, AASB 11 Joint Arrangements, AASB 12 Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities, revised AASB 127 Separate Financial Statements and AASB 128 Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures and AASB 2011-7 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from the Consolidation and Joint Arrangements Standards (effective 1 January 2013)

This suite of five new and amended standards address the accounting for joint arrangements, consolidated financial statements and associated disclosures.

AASB 10 replaces all of the guidance on control and consolidation in AASB 127 Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements, and Interpretation 12 Consolidation – Special Purpose Entities.

The core principle that a consolidated entity presents a parent and its subsidiaries as if they are a single economic entity remains unchanged, as do the mechanics of consolidation. However, the standard introduces a single definition of control that applies to all entities.

It focuses on the need to have both power and rights or exposure to variable returns.

Power is the current ability to direct the activities that significantly influence returns. Returns must vary and can be positive, negative or both.

Control exists when the investor can use its power to affect the amount of its returns.

There is also new guidance on participating and protective rights and on agent/principal relationships. Council does not expect the new standard to have a significant impact on its composition.

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AASB 11 introduces a principles based approach to accounting for joint arrangements.

The focus is no longer on the legal structure of joint arrangements, but rather on how rights and obligations are shared by the parties to the joint arrangement.

Based on the assessment of rights and obligations, a joint arrangement will be classified as either a joint operation or a joint venture.

Joint ventures are accounted for using the equity method, and the choice to proportionately consolidate will no longer be permitted.

Parties to a joint operation will account their share of revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities in much the same way as under the previous standard.

AASB 11 also provides guidance for parties that participate in joint arrangements but do not share joint control.

Council's investment in the joint venture partnership will be classified as a joint venture under the new rules.

As Council already applies the equity method in accounting for this investment, AASB 11 will not have any impact on the amounts recognised in its financial statements.

AASB 12 sets out the required disclosures for entities reporting under the two new standards, AASB 10 and AASB 11, and replaces the disclosure requirements currently found in AASB 127 and AASB 128.

Application of this standard by Council will not affect any of the amounts recognised in the financial statements, but will impact the type of information disclosed in relation to Council's investments.

Amendments to AASB 128 provide clarification that an entity continues to apply the equity method and does not remeasure its retained interest as part of ownership changes where a joint venture becomes an associate, and vice versa.

The amendments also introduce a "partial disposal" concept.

Council is still assessing the impact of these amendments.

Council does not expect to adopt the new standards before their operative date.

They would therefore be first applied in the financial statements for the annual reporting period ending 30 June 2014.

Revised AASB 119 Employee Benefits, AASB 2011-10 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 119 (September 2011) and AASB 2011-11 Amendments to AASB 119 (September 2011) arising from Reduced Disclosure Requirements (effective 1 January 2013)

This revised standard on accounting for employee benefits requires the recognition of all re-measurements of defined benefit liabilities/assets immediately in other comprehensive income (removal of the so-called 'corridor' method) and the calculation of a net interest expense or income by applying the discount rate to the net defined benefit liability or asset.

This replaces the expected return on plan assets that is currently included in profit or loss.

The standard also introduces a number of additional disclosures for defined benefit liabilities/assets and could affect the timing of the recognition of termination benefits.

The amendments will have to be implemented retrospectively.

Council does not recognise defined benefit assets and liabilities for the reasons set out in paragraph (x) (iii) and so these changes will not have an impact on its reported results.

Not applicable to Local Government per se;

AASB 2012-5 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from Annual Improvements 2009-2011 Cycle (effective 1 January 2013)

AASB 1 - this standard clarifies that an entity can apply AASB 1 more than once. An entity can elect to

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apply AASB 123 from the transition date or an earlier date.

AASB 101 - clarifies that a third statement of financial position is required when the opening statement of financial position is materially affected by any adjustments.

AASB 116 - clarifies the classification of servicing equipment.

AASB 132 and Interpretation 2 - clarifies that income tax relating to distributions to holders of an equity instrument and to transaction costs of an equity transaction shall be accounted for in accordance with AASB 112 Income Taxes

AASB 134 - provides clarification about segment reporting.

The amendments arising from this standard are not expected to change the reported financial position or performance of the Council.

There are no other standards that are not yet effective and that are expected to have a material impact on the entity in the current or future reporting periods and on foreseeable future transactions.

(ac) Rounding of amounts

Unless otherwise indicated, amounts in the financial statements have been rounded off to the nearest thousand dollars.

(ad) Comparative Figures

To ensure comparability with the current reporting period's figures, some comparative period line items and amounts may have been reclassified or individually reported for the first time within these financial statements and/or the notes.

(ae) Disclaimer

Nothing contained within these statements may be taken to be an admission of any liability to any person under any circumstance.

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Note 2(a). Council Functions / Activities - Financial Information

Functions/Activities	Income, Expenses and Assets have been directly attributed to the following Functions / Activities. Details of these Functions/Activities are provided in Note 2(b).											
	Income from Continuing Operations			Expenses from Continuing Operations		Operating Result from Continuing Operations		Grants included in Income from Continuing Operations		Total Assets held (Current & Non-current)		
	Original Budget 2013	Actual 2013	Actual 2012	Original Budget 2013	Actual 2013	Actual 2012	Original Budget 2013	Actual 2013	Actual 2012			
Water Supplies	21,074	25,777	17,622	17,986	21,771	17,137	3,088	4,006	463	340	228,071	200,933
Operating Result from Continuing Operations	21,074	25,777	17,622	17,986	21,771	17,137	3,088	4,006	463	340	228,071	200,933

1. Includes: Rates & Annual Charges (incl. Ex-Gratia), Untied General Purpose Grants & Unrestricted Interest & Investment Income.

Note 2(b). Council Functions / Activities - Component Descriptions

Details relating to the Council's functions / activities as reported in Note 2(a) are as follows:

WATER SUPPLIES

Comprising the water supply functions servicing the Local Government Areas of Lockhart, Urana, Wagga Wagga and part of the Greater Hume Shire.

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Note 3. Income from Continuing Operations

\$ '000	Notes	Actual 2013	Actual 2012
(a) Rates & Annual Charges			
Ordinary Rates			
Nil			
Special Rates			
Nil			
Annual Charges (pursuant to s.496, s.496A, s.496B, s.501 & s.611)			
Water Supply Services		3,724	3,229
Total Annual Charges		3,724	3,229
TOTAL RATES & ANNUAL CHARGES		3,724	3,229
(b) User Charges & Fees			
Specific User Charges (per s.502 - Specific "actual use" charges)			
Water Supply Services		17,115	11,328
Total User Charges		17,115	11,328
Other User Charges & Fees			
(i) Fees & Charges - Statutory & Regulatory Functions (per s.608)			
Private Works - Section 67		278	19
Section 603 Certificates		97	87
Total Fees & Charges - Statutory/Regulatory		375	106
(ii) Fees & Charges - Other (incl. General User Charges) (per s.608)			
Leaseback Fees - Council Vehicles		20	17
Water Connection Fees		572	524
Standpipe Fees		95	31
Total Fees & Charges - Other		687	572
TOTAL USER CHARGES & FEES		18,177	12,006

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Note 3. Income from Continuing Operations (continued)

\$ '000	Notes	Actual 2013	Actual 2012
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(c) Interest & Investment Revenue (incl. losses)

Interest & Dividends

- Interest on Overdue Rates & Annual Charges (incl. Special Purpose Rates)	72	58
- Interest earned on Investments (interest & coupon payment income)	441	129
TOTAL INTEREST & INVESTMENT REVENUE	513	187

Interest Revenue is attributable to:

Restricted Investments/Funds - External:

Water Fund Operations	513	187
Total Interest & Investment Revenue Recognised	513	187

(d) Other Revenues

Sales - General	169	235
Lease Rental	8	5
TOTAL OTHER REVENUE	177	240

\$ '000	2013 Operating	2012 Operating	2013 Capital	2012 Capital
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(e) Grants

General Purpose (Untied)

Nil

Specific Purpose

Pensioners' Rates Subsidies:

- Water	212	202	-	-
Water Supplies	-	-	245	127
Diesel and Alternative Fuels	6	11	-	-
Total Specific Purpose	218	213	245	127
Total Grants	218	213	245	127

Grant Revenue is attributable to:

- Commonwealth Funding	-	-	245	127
- State Funding	6	11	-	-
- Other Funding	212	202	-	-
	218	213	245	127

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Note 3. Income from Continuing Operations (continued)

\$ '000		2013 Operating	2012 Operating	2013 Capital	2012 Capital
(f) Contributions					
Developer Contributions:					
(s93 & s94 - EP&A Act, s64 of the LGA):					
S 64 - Water Supply Contributions		-	-	2,602	1,620
Total Developer Contributions	17	-	-	2,602	1,620
Other Contributions:					
Nil					
Total Contributions		-	-	2,602	1,620
<u>TOTAL GRANTS & CONTRIBUTIONS</u>		<u>218</u>	<u>213</u>	<u>2,847</u>	<u>1,747</u>

(g) Restrictions relating to Grants and Contributions

Council has no unexpended Grants or Contributions

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Note 4. Expenses from Continuing Operations

\$ '000	Notes	Actual 2013	Actual 2012
(a) Employee Benefits & On-Costs			
Salaries and Wages		5,562	5,254
Travelling		51	59
Employee Leave Entitlements (ELE)		1,088	1,368
Superannuation		995	929
Workers' Compensation Insurance		224	422
Fringe Benefit Tax (FBT)		54	32
Payroll Tax		450	357
Training Costs (other than Salaries & Wages)		200	208
Uniforms		38	41
Total Employee Costs		8,662	8,670
less: Capitalised Costs		(1,229)	(1,210)
<u>TOTAL EMPLOYEE COSTS EXPENSED</u>		<u>7,433</u>	<u>7,460</u>
Number of "Equivalent Full Time" Employees at year end		90	88
(b) Borrowing Costs			
(i) Interest Bearing Liability Costs			
Interest on Loans		402	69
Total Interest Bearing Liability Costs Expensed		402	69
(ii) Other Borrowing Costs			
Nil			
<u>TOTAL BORROWING COSTS EXPENSED</u>		<u>402</u>	<u>69</u>

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Note 4. Expenses from Continuing Operations (continued)

\$ '000	Notes	Actual 2013	Actual 2012
(c) Materials & Contracts			
Contractor & Consultancy Costs		2,286	1,485
Auditors Remuneration ⁽¹⁾		46	23
Legal Expenses:			
- Legal Expenses: Other		102	92
<u>TOTAL MATERIALS & CONTRACTS</u>		<u>2,434</u>	<u>1,600</u>

1. Auditor Remuneration

During the year, the following fees were incurred for services provided by the Council's Auditor (& the Auditors of other Consolidated Entities):

(i) Audit and Other Assurance Services

- Audit & review of financial statements: Council's Auditor	18	16
- Other audit & assurance services	28	7
Remuneration for audit and other assurance services	<u>46</u>	<u>23</u>
Total Auditor Remuneration	<u>46</u>	<u>23</u>

\$ '000	Notes	Impairment Costs		Depreciation/Amortisation	
		Actual 2013	Actual 2012	Actual 2013	Actual 2012
(d) Depreciation, Amortisation & Impairment					
Plant and Equipment		-	-	481	698
Office Equipment		-	-	507	1,094
Buildings - Non Specialised		-	-	48	41
Buildings - Specialised		-	-	67	55
Infrastructure:					
- Water Supply Network		-	-	5,673	3,147
Intangible Assets	25	(50)	200	-	-
TOTAL DEPRECIATION & IMPAIRMENT COSTS EXPENSED		(50)	200	6,776	5,035

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Note 4. Expenses from Continuing Operations (continued)

\$ '000	Notes	Actual 2013	Actual 2012
(e) Other Expenses			
Other Expenses for the year include the following:			
Advertising		56	35
Bank Charges		83	80
Computer Software Charges		210	202
Members Expenses - Chairperson's Fee		8	8
Members Expenses - Members Fee		42	48
Members Expenses (incl. Chairperson's) - Other (excluding fees above)		13	11
Donations, Contributions & Assistance to other organisations (Section 356)		25	29
Electricity & Heating		2,802	1,890
Insurance		120	122
Office Expenses (including computer expenses)		122	75
Postage		78	74
Printing & Stationery		43	34
Subscriptions & Publications		30	33
Telephone & Communications		101	101
Valuation Fees		-	9
Demand Management		842	-
Strategic Planning Documents		201	-
<u>TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES</u>		<u>4,776</u>	<u>2,751</u>

Note 5. Gains or Losses from the Disposal of Assets

Plant & Equipment

Proceeds from Disposal - Plant & Equipment	507	293
less: Carrying Amount of P&E Assets Sold / Written Off	(386)	(315)
Net Gain/(Loss) on Disposal	121	(22)
<u>NET GAIN/(LOSS) ON DISPOSAL OF ASSETS</u>	<u>121</u>	<u>(22)</u>

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Note 6a. - Cash Assets and Note 6b. - Investments

\$ '000	Notes	2013 Actual Current	2013 Actual Non Current	2012 Actual Current	2012 Actual Non Current
Cash & Cash Equivalents (Note 6a)					
Cash on Hand and at Bank		282	-	245	-
Cash-Equivalent Assets ¹					
- Deposits at Call		1	-	1	-
- Short Term Deposits		9,988	-	5,945	-
Total Cash & Cash Equivalents		10,271	-	6,191	-
Investments (Note 6b)					
- Long Term Deposits		15,000	-	-	-
Total Investments		15,000	-	-	-
TOTAL CASH ASSETS, CASH EQUIVALENTS & INVESTMENTS		25,271	-	6,191	-

¹ Those Investments where time to maturity (from date of purchase) is < 3 mths.

**Cash, Cash Equivalents & Investments were
classified at year end in accordance with
AASB 139 as follows:**

Cash & Cash Equivalents

a. "At Fair Value through the Profit & Loss"

10,271	-	6,191	-
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Investments

b. "Held to Maturity"

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Investments

15,000	-	-	-
15,000	-	-	-

Note 6(b)

**Reconciliation of Investments
classified as "Held to Maturity"**

Additions	15,000	-	-	-
Balance at End of Year	15,000	-	-	-

Comprising:

- Long Term Deposits	15,000	-	-	-
Total	15,000	-	-	-

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Note 6c. Restricted Cash, Cash Equivalents & Investments - Details

\$ '000	2013 Actual Current	2013 Actual Non Current	2012 Actual Current	2012 Actual Non Current
Total Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments	25,271	-	6,191	-
attributable to:				
External Restrictions (refer below)	18	-	(23)	-
Internal Restrictions (refer below)	19,834	-	4,343	-
Unrestricted	5,419	-	1,871	-
	25,271	-	6,191	-

2013 \$ '000	Opening Balance	Transfers to Restrictions	Transfers from Restrictions	Closing Balance
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Details of Restrictions

External Restrictions - Included in Liabilities

Nil

External Restrictions - Other

Developer Contributions - General (A)	-	2,602	(2,602)	-
Specific Purpose Unexpended Grants-Water Fund (B)	(23)	245	(203)	18
External Restrictions - Other	(23)	2,847	(2,805)	18
Total External Restrictions	(23)	2,847	(2,805)	18

Internal Restrictions

Employees Leave Entitlement (A)	863	33	-	896
Asset Replacement (B)	669	1,289	(912)	1,046
Sales Fluctuation (C)	600	2,000	-	2,600
Unexpended Loans	2,211	15,000	(1,919)	15,292
Total Internal Restrictions	4,343	18,322	(2,831)	19,834
TOTAL RESTRICTIONS	4,320	21,169	(5,636)	19,852

A A provision of 30% of Employee Leave Entitlement has been made.

B Asset Replacement - provision is made to create a fund for asset replacement

C Sales Fluctuation Reserve - Income from sales of water is largely dependent on seasonal weather conditions.

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Note 7. Receivables

\$ '000	Notes	2013		2012	
		Current	Non Current	Current	Non Current
Purpose					
Rates & Annual Charges		628	-	554	-
User Charges & Fees		1,357	-	995	-
Contributions to Works		259	-	-	-
Accrued Revenues					
- Interest on Investments		93	-	29	-
Government Grants & Subsidies		306	-	151	-
Sundry Debtors		177	-	262	-
Total		2,820	-	1,991	-
less: Provision for Impairment					
Nil					
TOTAL NET RECEIVABLES		2,820	-	1,991	-

Externally & Internally Restricted Receivables

Council has no external or internal restricted receivables

Notes on Debtors above:

- (i) Rates & Annual Charges Outstanding are secured against the property.
- (ii) Doubtful Rates Debtors are provided for where the value of the property is less than the debt outstanding.
An allowance for other doubtful debts is made when there is objective evidence that a receivable is impaired.
- (iii) Interest was charged on overdue rates & charges at 10.00% (2012 11.00%).
Generally all other receivables are non interest bearing.
- (iv) Please refer to Note 15 for issues concerning Credit Risk and Fair Value disclosures.

Note 8. Inventories & Other Assets

Inventories					
Stores & Materials		3,833	-	3,567	-
Total Inventories		3,833	-	3,567	-
Other Assets					
Prepayments		49	-	179	-
Total Other Assets		49	-	179	-
<u>TOTAL INVENTORIES / OTHER ASSETS</u>		<u>3,882</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,746</u>	<u>-</u>

Externally Restricted Assets

There are no restrictions applicable to the above assets.

Inventory Write Downs

No amounts were recognised as an expense relating to the write down of Inventory balances held during the year

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Note 9a. Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment

\$ '000	as at 30/6/2012						Asset Movements during the Reporting Period						as at 30/6/2013			
	At Cost	At Fair Value	Accumulated Dep'n	Impairment	Carrying Value		Asset Additions	WDV of Asset Disposals	Depreciation Expense	Impairment Loss (recognised in P/L)	Revaluation Increments to Equity (ARR)	At Cost	At Fair Value	Accumulated Dep'n	Impairment	Carrying Value
Plant & Equipment	-	5,138	2,258	-	2,880		912	(386)	(481)	-	-	-	5,203	2,278	-	2,925
Office Equipment	-	1,061	390	-	671		97	-	(507)	-	-	-	1,158	897	-	261
Land:																
- Operational Land	-	2,958	-	-	2,958		160	-	-	-	197	-	3,315	-	-	3,315
Buildings - Non Specialised	-	3,841	454	-	3,387		12	-	(48)	-	-	-	3,852	501	-	3,351
Buildings - Specialised	-	5,333	750	-	4,583		1,225	-	(67)	-	534	-	7,092	817	-	6,275
Infrastructure:																
- Water Supply Network	-	308,141	135,115	-	173,026		3,119	-	(5,673)	-	7,949	-	319,210	140,789	-	178,421
TOTAL INFRASTRUCTURE,							5,525	(386)	(6,776)		8,680		339,830	145,282		194,548
PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIP.	-	326,472	138,967	-	187,505											

Additions to Depreciable Land Improvements, Buildings, Other Structures & Infrastructure Assets are made up of Asset Renewals (\$2,949) and New Assets (\$1,567). Renewals are defined as the replacement of existing assets (as opposed to the acquisition of new assets).

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Note 9b. Externally Restricted Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment

\$ '000

Council has no Externally Restricted Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment.

Note 9c. Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment - Current Year Impairments

\$ '000	Notes	Actual 2013	Actual 2012
(i) Impairment Losses recognised in the Income Statement include:			
Water Rights Licence - decrease in value of water due to wet weather		-	(200)
Total Impairment Losses		-	(200)
(ii) Reversals of Impairment Losses previously recognised in the Income Statement include:			
Water Rights Licence		50	-
Total Impairment Reversals		50	-
IMPAIRMENT of ASSETS - GAINS/(LOSSES) in P/L	4(d)	50	(200)

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Note 10a. Payables, Borrowings & Provisions

\$ '000	Notes	2013		2012	
		Current	Non Current	Current	Non Current
Payables					
Goods & Services - operating expenditure		42	-	32	-
Accrued Expenses:					
- Salaries & Wages		100	-	98	-
- Other Expenditure Accruals		525	-	822	-
Security Bonds, Deposits & Retentions		28	-	21	-
Total Payables		695	-	973	-
Borrowings					
Loans - Secured ¹		1,272	16,515	110	3,059
Total Borrowings		1,272	16,515	110	3,059
Provisions					
Employee Benefits;					
Annual Leave		723	-	700	-
Sick Leave		5	-	5	-
Long Service Leave		2,259	-	2,170	-
Total Provisions		2,987	-	2,875	-
Total Payables, Borrowings & Provisions		4,954	16,515	3,958	3,059

(i) Liabilities relating to Restricted Assets

There are no liabilities relating to either externally or internally restricted assets

(ii) Current Liabilities not anticipated to be settled within the next 12 months

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

Provisions - Employees Benefits	2,465	426
Payables - Security Bonds, Deposits & Retentions	28	21
	2,493	447

¹ Loans are secured over the General Rating Income of Council

Disclosures on Liability Interest Rate Risk Exposures, Fair Value Disclosures & Security can be found in Note 15.

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Note 10b. Description of and movements in Provisions

Class of Provision	2012	2013				Closing Balance as at 30/6/13
	Opening Balance as at 1/7/12	Additional Provisions	Decrease due to Payments	Remeasurement effects due to Discounting	Unused amounts reversed	
Annual Leave	700	437	(414)	-	-	723
Sick Leave	5	-	-	-	-	5
Long Service Leave	2,170	164	(75)	-	-	2,259
TOTAL	2,875	601	(489)	-	-	2,987

- a. Employees Leave Entitlements & On-Costs represents those benefits accrued and payable and an estimate of those that will become payable in the future as a result of past service.

Note 11. Statement of Cash Flows - Additional Information

\$ '000	Notes	Actual 2013	Actual 2012
(a) Reconciliation of Cash Assets			
Total Cash & Cash Equivalent Assets	6a	10,271	6,191
Less Bank Overdraft	10	-	-
BALANCE as per the STATEMENT of CASH FLOWS		10,271	6,191

(a) Reconciliation of Net Operating Result to Cash provided from Operating Activities

Net Operating Result from Income Statement	4,006	485
Adjust for non cash items:		
Depreciation & Amortisation	6,776	5,035
Net Losses/(Gains) on Disposal of Assets	(121)	22
Impairment Losses Recognition - I,PP&E	(50)	200
+/- Movement in Operating Assets and Liabilities & Other Cash Items:		
Decrease/(Increase) in Receivables	(829)	540
Decrease/(Increase) in Inventories	(266)	(92)
Decrease/(Increase) in Other Assets	130	(135)
Increase/(Decrease) in Payables	10	11
Increase/(Decrease) in other accrued Expenses Payable	(295)	540
Increase/(Decrease) in Other Liabilities	7	5
Increase/(Decrease) in Employee Leave Entitlements	112	533
NET CASH PROVIDED FROM/(USED IN)		
OPERATING ACTIVITIES from the STATEMENT of CASH FLOWS	9,480	7,144

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Note 11. Statement of Cash Flows - Additional Information (continued)

\$ '000	Notes	Actual 2013	Actual 2012
(b) Non-Cash Investing & Financing Activities			
Nil			
(b) Financing Arrangements			
(i) Unrestricted access was available at balance date to the following lines of credit:			
Bank Overdraft Facilities ⁽¹⁾		250	250
Credit Cards / Purchase Cards		47	45
Total Financing Arrangements		297	295
Amounts utilised as at Balance Date:			
- Credit Cards / Purchase Cards		12	12
Total Financing Arrangements Utilised		12	12

1. The Bank overdraft facility may be drawn at any time and may be terminated by the bank without notice.

Interest rates on overdrafts are Interest Rates on Loans & Other Payables are disclosed in Note 15.

(ii) Secured Loan Liabilities

Loans are secured by a mortgage over future years Rate Revenue only.

Note 12. Commitments for Expenditure

(a) Capital Commitments (exclusive of GST)

Nil

(b) Finance Lease Commitments

Nil

(c) Operating Lease Commitments (Non Cancellable)

Nil

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Note 13a(i). Statement of Performance Measurement - Indicators (Consolidated)

\$ '000	Amounts 2013	Indicator 2013	Prior Periods 2012 2011	
Local Government Industry Indicators - Consolidated				
1. Unrestricted Current Ratio				
Current Assets less all External Restrictions ⁽¹⁾	31,955	12.98 : 1	3.40	3.22
Current Liabilities less Specific Purpose Liabilities ^(2,3)	2,461			
2. Debt Service Ratio				
Debt Service Cost	402	1.77%	0.44%	0.00%
Income from Continuing Operations (excl. Capital Items & Specific Purpose Grants/Contributions)	22,712			
3. Rates & Annual Charges Coverage Ratio				
Rates & Annual Charges	3,724	14.45%	18.32%	15.75%
Income from Continuing Operations	25,777			
4. Rates, Annual Charges, Interest & Extra Charges Outstanding Percentage				
Rates, Annual & Extra Charges Outstanding	628	14.44%	14.80%	16.83%
Rates, Annual & Extra Charges Collectible	4,350			
5. Building & Infrastructure Renewals Ratio				
Asset Renewals ⁽⁴⁾	4,778	82.55%	91.21%	136.23%
Depreciation, Amortisation & Impairment	5,788			

Notes

⁽¹⁾ Refer Notes 6-8 inclusive.

Also excludes any Real Estate & Land for resale not expected to be sold in the next 12 months

⁽²⁾ Refer to Note 10(a).

⁽³⁾ Refer to Note 10(a)(ii) - excludes all payables & provisions not expected to be paid in the next 12 months (incl. ELE).

⁽⁴⁾ Asset Renewals represent the replacement &/or refurbishment of existing assets to an equivalent capacity/performance as opposed to the acquisition of new assets (or the refurbishment of old assets) that increases capacity/performance. Asset Renewals include building and infrastructure assets only.

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Note 13a(i). Statement of Performance Measurement - Indicators (Consolidated)

\$ '000	Amounts 2013	Indicator 2013	Prior Periods	
			2012	2011
TCorp Performance Measures - Consolidated				
a. Operating Performance				
Operating Revenue (excl. Capital Grants & Contributions)				
- Operating Expenses	<u>1,159</u>	5.05%	-7.95%	-27.77%
Operating Revenue (excl. Capital Grants & Contributions)	<u>22,930</u>			
b. Own Source Operating Revenue				
Rates & Annual Charges + User Charges & Fees	<u>21,901</u>	84.96%	86.28%	84.71%
Total Operating Revenue (incl. Capital Grants & Contributions)	<u>25,777</u>			
c. Unrestricted Current Ratio				
Current Assets less all External Restrictions	<u>31,955</u>	12.98	3.40	3.22
Current Liabilities less Specific Purpose Liabilities	<u>2,461</u>			
d. Debt Service Cover Ratio				
Operating Result before Interest & Depreciation (EBITDA)	<u>8,337</u>	10.63	38.42	0.00
Principal Repayments (from the Statement of Cash Flows)	<u>784</u>			
+ Borrowing Interest Costs (from the Income Statement)				
e. Capital Expenditure Ratio				
Annual Capital Expenditure	<u>5,139</u>	0.76	1.12	1.78
Annual Depreciation	<u>6,776</u>			
f. Infrastructure Backlog Ratio				
Estimated Cost to bring Assets to a Satisfactory Condition	<u>20,650</u>	0.11	0.11	0.11
Total value of Infrastructure, Building, Other Structures & Depreciable Land Improvement Assets	<u>188,047</u>			
g. Asset Maintenance Ratio				
Actual Asset Maintenance	<u>2,774</u>	0.84	0.88	0.90
Required Asset Maintenance	<u>3,307</u>			
h. Building & Infrastructure Renewals Ratio				
Asset Renewals	<u>4,778</u>	0.83	0.91	1.36
Depreciation of Building and Infrastructure Assets	<u>5,788</u>			
i. Cash Expense Cover Ratio				
Current Year's Cash & Cash Equivalents	<u>10,271</u>	8.45	6.17	1.54
(Total Expenses - Depreciation - Interest Costs) x12	<u>1,216</u>			
j. Interest Cover Ratio				
Operating Results before Interest & Depreciation (EBITDA)	<u>8,337</u>	20.74	55.68	0.00
Borrowing Interest Costs (from the income statement)	<u>402</u>			

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Note 13a(ii). Local Government Industry Indicators - Graphs (Consolidated)

<p>1. Unrestricted Current Ratio</p> <table><tr><th>Year</th><th>Ratio : 1</th></tr><tr><td>2010</td><td>4.13</td></tr><tr><td>2011</td><td>3.22</td></tr><tr><td>2012</td><td>3.40</td></tr><tr><td>2013</td><td>12.98</td></tr></table>	Year	Ratio : 1	2010	4.13	2011	3.22	2012	3.40	2013	12.98	<p>Purpose of Unrestricted Current Ratio</p> <p>To assess the adequacy of working capital and its ability to satisfy obligations in the short term for the unrestricted activities of Council.</p>	<p>Commentary on 2012/13 Result</p> <p>2012/13 Ratio 12.98 : 1</p> <p>The 2012/13 ratio increased significantly compared to prior years due to \$15m LIRS loan funds received during the year, the majority of which are still held in investment.</p>
Year	Ratio : 1											
2010	4.13											
2011	3.22											
2012	3.40											
2013	12.98											
<p>2. Debt Service Ratio</p> <table><tr><th>Year</th><th>Ratio %</th></tr><tr><td>2010</td><td>0.00%</td></tr><tr><td>2011</td><td>0.00%</td></tr><tr><td>2012</td><td>0.44%</td></tr><tr><td>2013</td><td>1.77%</td></tr></table>	Year	Ratio %	2010	0.00%	2011	0.00%	2012	0.44%	2013	1.77%	<p>Purpose of Debt Service Ratio</p> <p>To assess the impact of loan principal & interest repayments on the discretionary revenue of council.</p>	<p>Commentary on 2012/13 Result</p> <p>2012/13 Ratio 1.77%</p> <p>Increased levels of borrowings during 2011/12 and 2012/13 has seen this ratio increase from 0 levels in prior years. \$15m new borrowings during 2012/13 will result in this ratio increasing further in future years.</p>
Year	Ratio %											
2010	0.00%											
2011	0.00%											
2012	0.44%											
2013	1.77%											
<p>3. Rates & Annual Charges Coverage Ratio</p> <table><tr><th>Year</th><th>Ratio %</th></tr><tr><td>2010</td><td>13.71%</td></tr><tr><td>2011</td><td>15.75%</td></tr><tr><td>2012</td><td>18.32%</td></tr><tr><td>2013</td><td>14.45%</td></tr></table>	Year	Ratio %	2010	13.71%	2011	15.75%	2012	18.32%	2013	14.45%	<p>Purpose of Rates & Annual Charges Coverage Ratio</p> <p>To assess the degree of Council's dependence upon revenue from rates and annual charges and to assess the security of Council's income.</p>	<p>Commentary on 2012/13 Result</p> <p>2012/13 Ratio 14.45%</p> <p>Increased water sales during 2012/13 has reduced this ratio and dependence on Council's availability charge for the year.</p>
Year	Ratio %											
2010	13.71%											
2011	15.75%											
2012	18.32%											
2013	14.45%											
<p>4. Rates, Annual Charges, Interest & Extra Charges Outstanding Percentage</p> <table><tr><th>Year</th><th>Ratio %</th></tr><tr><td>2010</td><td>14.60%</td></tr><tr><td>2011</td><td>16.83%</td></tr><tr><td>2012</td><td>14.80%</td></tr><tr><td>2013</td><td>14.44%</td></tr></table>	Year	Ratio %	2010	14.60%	2011	16.83%	2012	14.80%	2013	14.44%	<p>Purpose of Rates & Annual Charges Outstanding Ratio</p> <p>To assess the impact of uncollected rates and annual charges on Council's liquidity and the adequacy of recovery efforts.</p>	<p>Commentary on 2012/13 Result</p> <p>2012/13 Ratio 14.44%</p> <p>Another slight decrease in this ratio, most likely due to the effectiveness of interest charges on outstanding accounts and Council's external debt recovery agent.</p>
Year	Ratio %											
2010	14.60%											
2011	16.83%											
2012	14.80%											
2013	14.44%											
<p>5. Building & Infrastructure Renewals Ratio</p> <table><tr><th>Year</th><th>Ratio %</th></tr><tr><td>2010</td><td>68.00%</td></tr><tr><td>2011</td><td>136.23%</td></tr><tr><td>2012</td><td>91.21%</td></tr><tr><td>2013</td><td>82.55%</td></tr></table>	Year	Ratio %	2010	68.00%	2011	136.23%	2012	91.21%	2013	82.55%	<p>Purpose of Asset Renewals Ratio</p> <p>To assess the rate at which these assets are being renewed relative to the rate at which they are depreciating.</p>	<p>Commentary on 2012/13 Result</p> <p>2012/13 Ratio 82.55%</p> <p>Increased depreciation expenditure after revaluation of Council infrastructure has reduced this ratio compared to prior years. Spending on renewals is relatively consistent.</p>
Year	Ratio %											
2010	68.00%											
2011	136.23%											
2012	91.21%											
2013	82.55%											

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Note 13a(ii). TCorp Performance Measures - Graphs (Consolidated)

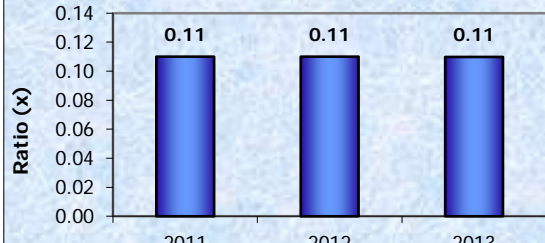
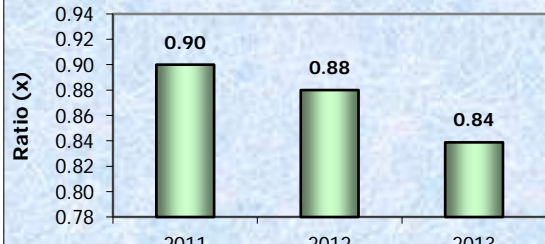
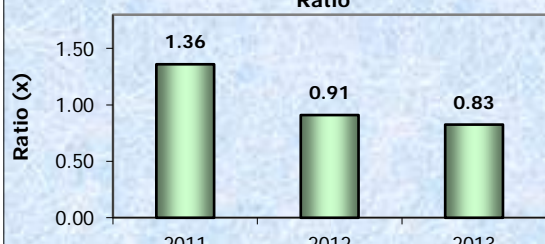

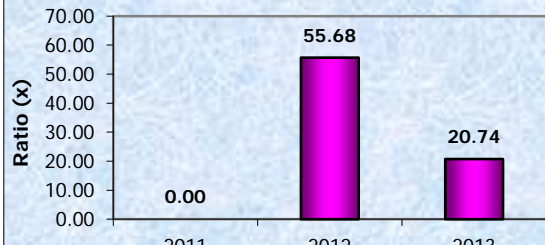
<p>a. Operating Performance</p> <table><tr><th>Year</th><th>Ratio %</th></tr><tr><td>2011</td><td>-27.77%</td></tr><tr><td>2012</td><td>-7.95%</td></tr><tr><td>2013</td><td>5.05%</td></tr></table>	Year	Ratio %	2011	-27.77%	2012	-7.95%	2013	5.05%	<p>Purpose of Operating Performance Ratio</p> <p>This ratio measures Council's achievement of containing operating expenditure within operating revenue.</p>	<p>Commentary on 2012/13 Result</p> <p>2012/13 Ratio 5.05%</p> <p>Wet weather in 2010/11 and 2011/12 resulted in negative ratios due to low water sales. Improved weather conditions and normal water sales has resulted in this ratio increasing to positive levels during 2012/13.</p>
Year	Ratio %									
2011	-27.77%									
2012	-7.95%									
2013	5.05%									
<p>b. Own Source Operating Revenue</p> <table><tr><th>Year</th><th>Ratio %</th></tr><tr><td>2011</td><td>84.71%</td></tr><tr><td>2012</td><td>86.28%</td></tr><tr><td>2013</td><td>84.96%</td></tr></table>	Year	Ratio %	2011	84.71%	2012	86.28%	2013	84.96%	<p>Purpose of Own Source Operating Revenue Ratio</p> <p>This ratio measures fiscal flexibility. It is the degree of reliance on external funding sources such as operating grants & contributions.</p>	<p>Commentary on 2012/13 Result</p> <p>2012/13 Ratio 84.96%</p> <p>Council receives minimal revenue via external funding sources and therefore is primarily self funded, resulting in consistently high ratio levels.</p>
Year	Ratio %									
2011	84.71%									
2012	86.28%									
2013	84.96%									
<p>c. Unrestricted Current Ratio</p> <table><tr><th>Year</th><th>Ratio (x)</th></tr><tr><td>2011</td><td>3.22</td></tr><tr><td>2012</td><td>3.40</td></tr><tr><td>2013</td><td>12.98</td></tr></table>	Year	Ratio (x)	2011	3.22	2012	3.40	2013	12.98	<p>Purpose of Unrestricted Current Ratio</p> <p>To assess the adequacy of unrestricted working capital and Council's ability to meet short term obligations as they fall due.</p>	<p>Commentary on 2012/13 Result</p> <p>2012/13 Ratio 12.98</p> <p>The 2012/13 ratio increased significantly compared to prior years due to \$15m LIRS loan funds received during the year, the majority of which are still held in investment.</p>
Year	Ratio (x)									
2011	3.22									
2012	3.40									
2013	12.98									
<p>d. Debt Service Cover Ratio</p> <table><tr><th>Year</th><th>Ratio (x)</th></tr><tr><td>2011</td><td>0.00</td></tr><tr><td>2012</td><td>38.42</td></tr><tr><td>2013</td><td>10.63</td></tr></table>	Year	Ratio (x)	2011	0.00	2012	38.42	2013	10.63	<p>Purpose of Debt Service Cover Ratio</p> <p>This ratio measures the availability of operating cash to service debt including interest, principal and lease payments</p>	<p>Commentary on 2012/13 Result</p> <p>2012/13 Ratio 10.63 x</p> <p>Increased borrowing over the last financial year has increased debt service costs, resulting in a reduction in this ratio. Ratios are still within reasonable levels.</p>
Year	Ratio (x)									
2011	0.00									
2012	38.42									
2013	10.63									
<p>e. Capital Expenditure Ratio</p> <table><tr><th>Year</th><th>Ratio (x)</th></tr><tr><td>2011</td><td>1.78</td></tr><tr><td>2012</td><td>1.12</td></tr><tr><td>2013</td><td>0.76</td></tr></table>	Year	Ratio (x)	2011	1.78	2012	1.12	2013	0.76	<p>Purpose of Capital Expenditure Ratio</p> <p>This ratio assesses the extent to which a Council is expanding its asset base with capital expenditure (on new assets, replacement & renewal of existing assets).</p>	<p>Commentary on 2012/13 Result</p> <p>2012/13 Ratio 0.76 x</p> <p>Overall capital expenditure has reduced slightly over the last 3 financial years while depreciation expenditure has increased, resulting in the gradual decline in this ratio. Future years should see this ratio increase with significant capital projects planned.</p>
Year	Ratio (x)									
2011	1.78									
2012	1.12									
2013	0.76									

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Note 13a(ii). TCorp Performance Measures - Graphs (Consolidated) continued

<p>f. Infrastructure Backlog Ratio</p>  <table><tr><th>Year</th><th>Ratio (x)</th></tr><tr><td>2011</td><td>0.11</td></tr><tr><td>2012</td><td>0.11</td></tr><tr><td>2013</td><td>0.11</td></tr></table>	Year	Ratio (x)	2011	0.11	2012	0.11	2013	0.11	<p>Purpose of Infrastructure Backlog Ratio</p> <p>This ratio shows what proportion the backlog is against the total value of a Council's infrastructure.</p>	<p>Commentary on 2012/13 Result</p> <p>2012/13 Ratio 0.11 x</p> <p>Council's infrastructure backlog has been constant over recent years, hence no change in backlog ratios.</p>
Year	Ratio (x)									
2011	0.11									
2012	0.11									
2013	0.11									
<p>g. Asset Maintenance Ratio</p>  <table><tr><th>Year</th><th>Ratio (x)</th></tr><tr><td>2011</td><td>0.90</td></tr><tr><td>2012</td><td>0.88</td></tr><tr><td>2013</td><td>0.84</td></tr></table>	Year	Ratio (x)	2011	0.90	2012	0.88	2013	0.84	<p>Purpose of Asset Maintenance Ratio</p> <p>Compares actual vs. required annual asset maintenance. A ratio of > 1.0x indicates enough has been spent to stop the Infrastructure Backlog from growing.</p>	<p>Commentary on 2012/13 Result</p> <p>2012/13 Ratio 0.84 x</p> <p>Maintenance expenditure is reasonably constant resulting in steady ratio levels. Actual maintenance is close to required maintenance levels.</p>
Year	Ratio (x)									
2011	0.90									
2012	0.88									
2013	0.84									
<p>h. Building & Infrastructure Renewals Ratio</p>  <table><tr><th>Year</th><th>Ratio (x)</th></tr><tr><td>2011</td><td>1.36</td></tr><tr><td>2012</td><td>0.91</td></tr><tr><td>2013</td><td>0.83</td></tr></table>	Year	Ratio (x)	2011	1.36	2012	0.91	2013	0.83	<p>Purpose of Asset Renewals Ratio</p> <p>To assess the rate at which these assets are being renewed relative to the rate at which they are depreciating.</p>	<p>Commentary on 2012/13 Result</p> <p>2012/13 Ratio 0.83 x</p> <p>Increased depreciation expenditure after asset revaluations in recent years has seen a reduction in this ratio, even though asset renewal levels are relatively constant.</p>
Year	Ratio (x)									
2011	1.36									
2012	0.91									
2013	0.83									
<p>i. Cash Expense Cover Ratio</p>  <table><tr><th>Year</th><th>Ratio (mths)</th></tr><tr><td>2011</td><td>1.54</td></tr><tr><td>2012</td><td>6.17</td></tr><tr><td>2013</td><td>8.45</td></tr></table>	Year	Ratio (mths)	2011	1.54	2012	6.17	2013	8.45	<p>Purpose of Cash Expense Cover Ratio</p> <p>This liquidity ratio indicates the number of months a Council can continue paying for its immediate expenses without additional cash inflow.</p>	<p>Commentary on 2012/13 Result</p> <p>2012/13 Ratio 8.45 mths</p> <p>Increasing cash levels over the last couple of years has resulted in increased liquidity. Increased cash is primarily due to increased water sale after improved weather conditions and also loan funds received under the LIRS, which are still on hand.</p>
Year	Ratio (mths)									
2011	1.54									
2012	6.17									
2013	8.45									
<p>j. Interest Cover Ratio</p>  <table><tr><th>Year</th><th>Ratio (x)</th></tr><tr><td>2011</td><td>0.00</td></tr><tr><td>2012</td><td>55.68</td></tr><tr><td>2013</td><td>20.74</td></tr></table>	Year	Ratio (x)	2011	0.00	2012	55.68	2013	20.74	<p>Purpose of Interest Cover Ratio</p> <p>This ratio indicates the extent to which a Council can service (thru operating cash) its interest bearing debt & take on additional borrowings.</p>	<p>Commentary on 2012/13 Result</p> <p>2012/13 Ratio 20.74 x</p> <p>Gradually increasing debt levels and therefore debt servicing costs has seen a gradual reduction in this ratio. Ratios are still at reasonable levels.</p>
Year	Ratio (x)									
2011	0.00									
2012	55.68									
2013	20.74									

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Note 14. Investment Properties

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Council has not classified any Land or Buildings as "Investment Properties"

Note 15. Financial Risk Management

Risk Management

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

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

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

Financial risk management is carried out by Council's Finance Section under policies approved by the Council.

A comparison by category of the carrying amounts and fair values of Council's Financial Assets & Financial Liabilities recognised in the financial statements is presented below.

	Carrying Value		Fair Value	
	2013	2012	2013	2012
Financial Assets				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	10,271	6,191	10,271	6,191
Investments				
- "Held to Maturity"	15,000	-	15,000	-
Receivables	2,820	1,991	2,820	1,991
Total Financial Assets	28,091	8,182	28,091	8,182
Financial Liabilities				
Payables	695	973	695	973
Loans / Advances	17,787	3,169	17,787	3,169
Total Financial Liabilities	18,482	4,142	18,482	4,142

Fair Value is determined as follows:

- **Cash & Cash Equivalents, Receivables, Payables** - are estimated to be the carrying value which approximates mkt value.
- **Borrowings & Held to Maturity Investments** - are based upon estimated future cash flows discounted by the current market interest rates applicable to assets & liabilities with similar risk profiles, unless quoted market prices are available.
- Financial Assets classified (i) "**at fair value through profit & loss**" or (ii) **Available for Sale** - are based upon quoted market prices (in active markets for identical investments) at the reporting date or independent valuation.

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Note 15. Financial Risk Management (continued)

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(a) Cash & Cash Equivalents, Financial assets 'at fair value through the profit & Loss' "Available-for-sale" financial assets & "Held-to-maturity" Investments

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

Council has an Investment Policy which complies with the Local Government Act & Minister's Investment Order. This Policy is regularly reviewed by Council and it's staff and an Investment Report is tabled before Council on a monthly basis setting out the portfolio breakup and its performance.

The major risk associated with Investments is price risk - the risk that the capital value of Investments may fluctuate due to changes in market prices, whether there changes are caused by factors specific to individual financial instruments or their issuers or are caused by factors affecting similar instruments traded in a market.

Cash & Investments are also subject to interest rate risk - the risk that movements in interest rates could affect returns and income.

A further risk associated with Cash & Investments is credit risk - the risk that the investment counterparty) will not complete their obligations particular to a financial instrument, resulting in a financial loss to Council - be it of a capital or income nature.

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

The following represents a summary of the sensitivity of Council's Income Statement and Accumulated Surplus (for the reporting period) due to a change in either the price of a financial asset or the interest rates applicable.

It is assumed that the change in interest rates would have been constant throughout the reporting period.

	Increase of Values/Rates		Decrease of Values/Rates	
	Profit	Equity	Profit	Equity
2013				
Possible impact of a 1% movement in Interest Rates	142	142	(142)	(142)
2012				
Possible impact of a 1% movement in Interest Rates	37	37	(37)	(37)

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Note 15. Financial Risk Management (continued)

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(b) Receivables

Council's major receivables comprise **(i)** Rates & Annual charges and **(ii)** User Charges & Fees.

The major risk associated with these receivables is credit risk - the risk that debts due and payable to Council may not be repaid in full.

Council manages this risk by monitoring outstanding debt and employing stringent debt recovery procedures. It also encourages ratepayers to pay their rates by the due date through incentives.

Credit risk on rates and annual charges is minimised by the ability of Council to secure a charge over the land relating to the debts - that is, the land can be sold to recover the debt. Council is also able to charge interest on overdue rates & annual charges at higher than market rates which further encourages the payment of debt.

There are no significant concentrations of credit risk, whether through exposure to individual customers, specific industry sectors and/or regions.

There are no material receivables that have been subjected to a re-negotiation of repayment terms.

A profile of Council's receivables credit risk at balance date follows:

	2013	2013	2012	2012
	Rates &	Other	Rates &	Other
	Annual	Receivables	Annual	Receivables
	Charges		Charges	
(i) Ageing of Receivables				
Current (not yet overdue)	316	1,129	349	1,079
Past due by up to 30 days	312	1,063	205	358
	628	2,192	554	1,437

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Note 15. Financial Risk Management (continued)

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(c) Payables & Borrowings

Payables & Borrowings are both subject to liquidity risk - the risk that insufficient funds may be on hand to meet payment obligations as and when they fall due.

Council manages this risk by monitoring its cash flow requirements and liquidity levels and maintaining an adequate cash buffer.

Payment terms can (in extenuating circumstances) also be extended & overdraft facilities utilised as required.

The contractual undiscounted cash outflows (ie. principal and interest) of Council's Payables & Borrowings are set out in the Liquidity Table below:

\$ '000	Subject to no maturity	≤ 1 Year	1-2 Yrs	payable in:				> 5 Yrs	Total Cash Outflows	Actual Carrying Values
				2-3 Yrs	3-4 Yrs	4-5 Yrs				
2013										
Trade/Other Payables	28	667	-	-	-	-	-	-	695	695
Loans & Advances	-	1,503	1,529	1,555	1,584	1,612	10,004	17,787	17,787	17,787
Total Financial Liabilities	28	2,170	1,529	1,555	1,584	1,612	10,004	18,482	18,482	18,482
2012										
Trade/Other Payables	21	952	-	-	-	-	-	-	973	973
Loans & Advances	-	110	98	102	108	114	2,637	3,169	3,169	3,169
Total Financial Liabilities	21	1,062	98	102	108	114	2,637	4,142	4,142	4,142

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

The following interest rates were applicable to Council's Borrowings at balance date:

	2013		2012	
	Carrying Value	Average Interest Rate	Carrying Value	Average Interest Rate
Trade/Other Payables	695	0.0%	973	0.0%
Loans & Advances - Fixed Interest Rate	17,331	6.2%	3,169	6.4%
Loans & Advances - Variable Interest Rate	456	5.9%		
	18,482		4,142	

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Note 16. Material Budget Variations

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Council's Original Financial Budget for 12/13 was adopted by the Council on 27 June 2012.

While the Income Statement included in this General Purpose Financial Report must disclose the Original Budget adopted by Council, the Local Government Act requires Council to review its Financial Budget on a Quarterly Basis, so that it is able to manage the various variations between actuals versus budget that invariably occur throughout the year.

This Note sets out the details of MATERIAL VARIATIONS between Council's Original Budget and its Actual results for the year as per the Income Statement - even though such variations may have been adjusted for during each Quarterly Budget Review.

Note that for Variations* of Budget to Actual :

Material Variations represent those variances that amount to **10%** or more of the original budgeted figure.

F = Favourable Budget Variation, **U** = Unfavourable Budget Variation

\$ '000	2013 Budget	2013 Actual	2013 ----- Variance* -----	
REVENUES				
Rates & Annual Charges	3,622	3,724	102	3% F
User Charges & Fees	15,703	18,177	2,474	16% F
Conservative water sale forecasts have resulted in actual water sales being higher than budget, after dryer than anticipated weather during summer.				
Interest & Investment Revenue	100	513	413	413% F
LIRS subsidy approval after budget adoption resulted in Council borrowing \$15m upfront to fulfill funding requirements. Cash levels were significantly higher than anticipated due to this borrowing, resulting in increased investment revenue.				
Other Revenues	118	177	59	50% F
Plumbing permits and insurance rebates were higher than anticipated.				
Operating Grants & Contributions	195	218	23	12% F
Higher than anticipated numbers of pensioner rebates.				
Capital Grants & Contributions	1,300	2,847	1,547	119% F
S64 developer contributions were significantly higher than anticipated due to increased numbers of new developments.				
Net Gains from Disposal of Assets	36	121	85	236% F
Better than anticipated return on used vehicles at auction.				

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Note 16. Material Budget Variations (continued)

\$ '000	2013 Budget	2013 Actual	2013 ----- Variance* -----	
EXPENSES				
Employee Benefits & On-Costs	8,436	7,433	1,003	12% F
Overall distribution of costs varied to budget - corresponding to increase in Materials & Contracts. Also, higher discounting rates than prior years has resulted in lower leave adjustment figures than anticipated. Workers compensation expenditure was also lower than budgeted due to good claims history. Capitalised wages were also slightly higher than originally budgeted.				
Borrowing Costs	333	402	(69)	(21%) U
Original budget figures were prepared prior to \$15m LIRS loan rebate being approved. Increased borrowings resulted in increased borrowing costs.				
Materials & Contracts	1,382	2,434	(1,052)	(76%) U
Overall distribution of costs varied to budget - corresponding to reduction in employee costs.				
Depreciation & Amortisation	4,800	6,776	(1,976)	(41%) U
Budget figures were prepared prior to fair valuation figures for assets being finalised, which resulted in higher levels of depreciation expenditure.				
Impairment Expenses	-	(50)	50	0% F
Other Expenses	3,035	4,776	(1,741)	(57%) U
Demand management expenditure was included as capital expenditure in original budget, whereas actual expenditure treated as operational in the financial reports. Electricity accounts were also higher than anticipated.				
\$ '000	2013 Budget	2013 Actual	2013 ----- Variance* -----	
Budget Variations relating to Council's Cash Flow Statement include:				
Cash Flows from Operating Activities	7,883	9,480	1,597	20.3% F
Higher than anticipated water sales due to dryer weather.				
Cash Flows from Investing Activities	(14,335)	(20,018)	(5,683)	39.6% U
Combination of \$15m LIRS loan funds being invested and lower than budgeted capital expenditure, resulting in \$5.6m variance.				
Cash Flows from Financing Activities	5,878	14,618	8,740	148.7% F
\$15m LIRS loan not included in original budget figures as subsidy application approved after budget adoption. \$15m loan required to be drawn down in full during the 2012/13 year.				

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Note 17. Statement of Developer Contributions

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Council recovers contributions, raises levies & enters into planning agreements on development works that are subject to a development consent issued by Council. All contributions must be spent/utilised for the specific purpose they were levied and any interest applicable to unspent funds must be attributed to remaining funds.

The following tables detail the receipt, interest and use of the above contributions & levies and the value of all remaining funds which are "restricted" in their future use.

SUMMARY OF CONTRIBUTIONS & LEVIES

PURPOSE	Opening Balance	Contributions received during the Year		Interest earned in Year	Expenditure during Year	Internal Borrowing (to)/from	Held as Restricted Asset	Projections			Cumulative Internal Borrowings due/(payable)
		Cash	Non Cash					Future income	Exp still outstanding	Over or (under) Funding	
S64 Contributions	-	2,602	-	-	(2,602)	-	-	2,300	(2,300)		
Total Contributions	-	2,602	-	-	(2,602)	-	-	2,300	(2,300)	-	-

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Note 18. Contingencies & Other Assets/Liabilities Not Recognised

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

LIABILITIES NOT RECOGNISED:

1. Guarantees

(i) Defined Benefit Superannuation Contribution Plans

Council participates in an employer sponsored Defined Benefit Superannuation Scheme, and makes contributions as determined by the Superannuation Scheme's Trustees.

Member Councils bear responsibility of ensuring there are sufficient funds available to pay out the required benefits as they fall due.

The Schemes most recent full actuarial review indicated that the Net Assets of the Scheme were not sufficient to meet the accrued benefits of the Schemes Defined Benefit member category with member Councils required to make significantly higher contributions in future years.

The Local Government Superannuation Scheme however is unable to provide Council with an accurate estimate of its share of the net deficit and accordingly Council has not recorded any net liability from it's Defined Benefit Scheme obligations in accordance with AASB 119.

Future contributions made to the defined benefit scheme to rectify the net deficit position will be recognised as an expense when they become payable - similar to the accounting for Defined Contributions Plans.

(ii) Statewide Limited

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

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

The future realisation and finalisation of claims incurred but not reported to 30/6 this year may result in future liabilities or benefits as a result of past events that Council will be required to fund or share in respectively.

(iii) StateCover Limited

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

StateCover is a company providing workers compensation insurance cover to the NSW Local Government Industry and specifically Council.

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

These future equity contributions would be required to maintain the company's minimum level of Net Assets in accordance with its Licence Requirements.

(iv) Other Guarantees

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

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Note 18. Contingencies & Other Assets/Liabilities Not Recognised (continued)

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LIABILITIES NOT RECOGNISED (continued):

2. Other Liabilities

(i) Third Party Claims

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

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

(ii) Sick Leave Payable on Retirement due to Medical Grounds

At balance date there is a contingent liability for staff who are entitled to a sick leave to be paid out if they were to retire due to medical grounds. This totals \$143,000.

ASSETS NOT RECOGNISED:

(i) Recovery of Assets

Investigations are currently underway after alledged misappropriation of Council assets. This may lead to recovery action being taken in future financial years. The extent of this possible recovery and cost of such recovery cannot be quantified at the date of this report.

Note 19. Controlled Entities, Associated Entities & Interests in Joint Ventures

Council has no interest in any Controlled Entities, Associated Entities or Joint Ventures.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

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Note 20. Equity - Retained Earnings and Revaluation Reserves

\$ '000	Notes	Actual 2013	Actual 2012
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(a) Retained Earnings

Movements in Retained Earnings were as follows:

Balance at beginning of Year (from previous years audited accounts)	62,199	61,714
a. Net Operating Result for the Year	4,006	485
Balance at End of the Reporting Period	66,205	62,199

(b) Reserves

(i) Reserves are represented by:

- Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment Revaluation Reserve	140,397	131,717
Total	140,397	131,717

(ii) Reconciliation of movements in Reserves:

Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment Revaluation Reserve

- Opening Balance	131,717	134,550
- Revaluations for the year	8,680	(2,833)
- Balance at End of Year	140,397	131,717

TOTAL VALUE OF RESERVES

140,397	131,717
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(iii) Nature & Purpose of Reserves

Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment Revaluation Reserve

- The Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment Revaluation Reserve is used to record increments/decrements of Non Current Asset values due to their revaluation.

(c) Correction of Error/s relating to a Previous Reporting Period

Council made no correction of errors during the current reporting period.

(d) Voluntary Changes in Accounting Policies

Council made no voluntary changes in any accounting policies during the year.

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for the financial year ended 30 June 2013

Note 21. Financial Result & Financial Position by Fund

\$ '000

Council utilises only a Water Fund for its operations.

Note 22. "Held for Sale" Non Current Assets & Disposal Groups

Council did not classify any Non Current Assets or Disposal Groups as "Held for Sale".

Note 23. Events occurring after the Reporting Period

Events that occur between the end of the reporting period (ending 30 June 2013) and the date when the financial statements are "authorised for issue" have been taken into account in preparing these statements.

Council has adopted the date of receipt of the Auditors' Report as the applicable "authorised for issue" date relating to these General Purpose Financial Statements.

Accordingly, the "authorised for issue" date is 26/09/13.

Events that occur after the Reporting Period represent one of two types:

(i) Events that provide evidence of conditions that existed at the Reporting Period

These financial statements (and the figures therein) incorporate all "adjusting events" that provided evidence of conditions that existed at 30 June 2013.

(ii) Events that provide evidence of conditions that arose after the Reporting Period

These financial statements (& figures therein) do not incorporate any "non-adjusting events" that have occurred after 30 June 2013 and which are only indicative of conditions that arose after 30 June 2013.

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

Note 24. Discontinued Operations

Council has not classified any of its Operations as "Discontinued".

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Note 25. Intangible Assets

\$ '000

Intangible Assets represent identifiable non-monetary asset without physical substance.

	Actual 2013 Carrying Amount	Actual 2012 Carrying Amount
Intangible Assets are as follows;		
Opening Values:		
Gross Book Value (1/7/12)	3,608	3,608
Accumulated Amortisation (1/7/12)	-	-
Accumulated Impairment (1/7/12)	(2,108)	(1,908)
Net Book Value - Opening Balance	1,500	1,700
Movements for the year		
- Impairment charges	-	(200)
- Accumulated Impairment charges written off	50	-
Closing Values:		
Gross Book Value (30/6/13)	3,608	3,608
Accumulated Amortisation (30/6/13)	-	-
Accumulated Impairment (30/6/13)	(2,058)	(2,108)
<u>TOTAL INTANGIBLE ASSETS - NET BOOK VALUE ¹</u>	<u>1,550</u>	<u>1,500</u>

¹ The Net Book Value of Intangible Assets represent:

- Water Licences	1,550	1,500
	1,550	1,500

Note 26. Reinstatement, Rehabilitation & Restoration Liabilities

Council has no outstanding obligations to make, restore, rehabilitate or reinstate any of its assets/operations.

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Note 27. Financial Review

\$ '000

Key Financial Figures of Council over the past 5 years (consolidated)

Financial Performance Figures	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Inflows:					
Rates & Annual Charges Revenue	3,724	3,229	2,281	2,251	2,573
User Charges Revenue	18,177	12,006	9,994	13,753	12,557
Interest & Investment Revenue (Losses)	513	187	274	308	547
Grants Income - Operating & Capital	463	340	268	207	197
Total Income from Continuing Operations	25,777	17,622	14,490	18,879	18,257
Sale Proceeds from I,PP&E	507	293	614	437	365
New Loan Borrowings & Advances	15,000	3,200	-	-	-
Outflows:					
Employee Benefits & On-cost Expenses	7,433	7,460	7,243	5,743	5,405
Borrowing Costs	402	69	-	-	-
Materials & Contracts Expenses	2,434	1,600	1,388	2,156	2,386
Total Expenses from Continuing Operations	21,771	17,137	16,658	16,215	14,294
Total Cash purchases of I,PP&E	5,525	5,976	8,584	6,660	-
Total Loan Repayments (incl. Finance Leases)	382	31	-	-	-
Operating Surplus/(Deficit) (excl. Capital Income)	1,159	(1,262)	(3,621)	692	2,654
Financial Position Figures	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Current Assets	31,973	11,928	7,611	12,807	11,142
Current Liabilities	4,954	3,958	2,759	3,102	3,369
Net Current Assets	27,019	7,970	4,852	9,705	7,773
Available Working Capital (Unrestricted Net Current Assets)	11,426	6,635	5,992	10,520	8,664
Cash & Investments - Unrestricted	5,419	1,871	359	4,901	4,501
Cash & Investments - Internal Restrictions	19,834	4,343	1,202	3,292	3,170
Cash & Investments - Total	25,271	6,191	1,561	8,193	7,671
Total Borrowings Outstanding (Loans, Advances & Finance Leases)	17,787	3,169	-	-	-
Total Value of I,PP&E (excl. Land & Earthworks)	336,515	323,514	326,486	179,868	171,461
Total Accumulated Depreciation	145,282	138,967	139,539	29,891	25,624
Indicative Remaining Useful Life (as a % of GBV)	57%	57%	57%	83%	85%

Source: Published audited financial statements of Council (current year & prior year)

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for the financial year ended 30 June 2013

Note 28. Council Information & Contact Details

Principal Place of Business:

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Wagga Wagga NSW 2650

Contact Details

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Mr G Haley

RESPONSIBLE ACCOUNTING OFFICER

Ms M Curran

PUBLIC OFFICER

Mr G Haley

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Chartered Accountants
30 Blake Street
Wagga Wagga

Elected Members

CHAIRPERSON

Clr G Hiscock (City of Wagga Wagga)

DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON

Clr. J. McInerney (Greater Hume Shire)

COUNCILLORS

Clr. G. Verdon	(Lockhart Shire Council)
Clr. I. Kruetzberger	(Urana Shire Council)
Clr. D. Meyer, OAM	(Greater Hume Shire)
Clr. R. Kendall	(City of Wagga Wagga)
Clr. K. Pascoe	(City of Wagga Wagga)
Clr. A. Negline	(City of Wagga Wagga)
Clr. K. Poynter	(City of Wagga Wagga)

Other Information

ABN: 52 084 883 210

We have audited the general purpose financial reports of Riverina Water County Council for the year ended 30 June 2013, comprising the Statement by Councillors and Management of the Council, Income Statement, Statement of Comprehensive Income, Balance Sheet, Statement of Changes in Equity, Statement of Cash Flows and accompanying Notes to the Accounts.

Councillors and Managements responsibility for the financial report

The Councillors and Management of the Council are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Local Governments Act 1993* and for such internal controls as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Council's preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view 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 the Council's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the Council, as well as evaluation the overall presentation of the financial report.

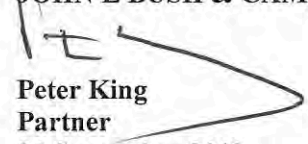
We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

AUDIT OPINION

In our opinion:

- a) The accounting record of the Council have been kept in accordance with the requirements of Division 2 of Part 3 of the Local Government Act, 1993;
- b) The general purpose financial report:
 - i. has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of Division 2 of Part 3 of the Local Government Act, 1993;
 - ii. is consistent with the Council's accounting records; and
 - iii. presents fairly the Council's financial position and the results of its operation;
- c) we have been able to obtain all the information relevant to the conduct of our audit; and
- d) no material deficiencies in the records or financial reports were detected in the course of the audit.

JOHN L BUSH & CAMPBELL


Peter King
Partner
26 September 2013



John L.

Bush & Campbell Accountants

Experts by your side.

PARTNERS:

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A.P. Powell
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1 October 2013

**The General Manager
Riverina Water County Council
PO Box 456
WAGGA WAGGA NSW 2650**

Dear Sirs

Independence discussions

We confirm that for the audit of the financial report of Riverina Water County Council for the year ending 30 June 2013, we have maintained our independence in accordance with requirements of John L Bush & Campbell, with the provisions of Professional Statement APES 110.

In the spirit of this confirmation, we have prepared the following comments to facilitate discussion and enable you to have a clear understanding of the issue.

Other services

We have not carried out any engagements for Riverina Water County Council that would impair our firm's professional independence as auditor.

Any services provided are subject to our own and the profession's strict rules and policies regarding auditor independence, as well as to certain requirements. We enforce these rules and policies in order to maintain objectivity and to be free of interest when discharging our professional responsibilities.

Our appointment as service provider for these engagements has been subject to Riverina Water County Council's corporate governance procedures encompassing the selection of service providers and the setting of their remuneration.

Some of the safeguards we follow with regard to auditor independence in relation to the provision of these services include ensuring:

- The services have not involved partners or staff acting in a managerial or decision-making capacity, or being involved in the processing or originating of transactions;
- The services have only been provided where we are satisfied that the related function or process will not have a material bearing on our planned audit procedures and would not involve us auditing our own work;
- The partners and staff involved in the provision of non-auditing services have not participated in The Riverina Water County Council's associated or authorisation processes.

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Based on the above safeguards, we are satisfied that the provision of other services has not in any way compromised our independence as external auditor of Riverina Water County Council.

Unresolved disagreements

We have not had any unresolved disagreements with management about matters that individually or in aggregate could be significant to the financial report. Furthermore, management has not sought to influence our views in matters relevant to our opinion.

Other relationships

We are not aware of any situations where a spouse or close relative of a partner or staff members involved in the audit occupies a position as a director or executive of Riverina Water County Council that is significant to the audit.

We are not aware of any situations where a partner or staff member has accepted a position of employment with Riverina Water County Council in a senior executive or managerial capacity during or since the end of the financial year.

This report is intended solely for the Audit committee, the board of directors, management, and others within Riverina Water County Council and should not be used for any other purpose.

Sincerely,

JOHN L BUSH & CAMPBELL
Chartered Accountants

Peter King
Partner

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, starting with a vertical line and a horizontal crossbar, and ending with a long, sweeping curve that loops back towards the left.

Riverina Water County Council

SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended 30 June 2013

**"to provide our community with safe reliable
water at the lowest sustainable cost"**



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Special Purpose Financial Statements

for the financial year ended 30 June 2013

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Background

(i) These Special Purpose Financial Statements have been prepared for the use by both Council and the Division of Local Government in fulfilling their requirements under National Competition Policy.

(ii) The principle of competitive neutrality is based on the concept of a "level playing field" between persons/entities competing in a market place, particularly between private and public sector competitors.

Essentially, the principle is that government businesses, whether Commonwealth, State or Local, should operate without net competitive advantages over other businesses as a result of their public ownership.

(iii) For Council, the principle of competitive neutrality & public reporting applies only to declared business activities.

These include **(a)** those activities classified by the Australian Bureau of Statistics as business activities being water supply, sewerage services, abattoirs, gas production and reticulation and **(b)** those activities with a turnover of over \$2 million that Council has formally declared as a Business Activity (defined as Category 1 activities).

(iv) In preparing these financial statements for Council's self classified Category 1 businesses and ABS defined activities, councils must **(a)** adopt a corporatisation model and **(b)** apply full cost attribution including tax equivalent regime payments & debt guarantee fees (where the business benefits from councils borrowing position by comparison with commercial rates).

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Special Purpose Financial Statements

for the financial year ended 30 June 2013

Statement by Councillors and Management

made pursuant to the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting

The attached Special Purpose Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with:

- The NSW Government Policy Statement "Application of National Competition Policy to Local Government".
- The Division of Local Government Guidelines "Pricing & Costing for Council Businesses - A Guide to Competitive Neutrality".
- The Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.
- The NSW Office of Water (Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water) Guidelines - "Best Practice Management of Water and Sewerage".

To the best of our knowledge and belief, these Financial Statements:

- Present fairly the Operating Result and Financial Position for each of Council's declared Business Activities for the year, and
- Accord with Council's accounting and other records.

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

Signed in accordance with a resolution of Council made on 28 August 2013.



Clr G Hiscock
CHAIRPERSON



Clr J McInerney
COUNCILLOR



Mr G Haley
GENERAL MANAGER



Ms M Curran
RESPONSIBLE ACCOUNTING OFFICER

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Income Statement of Council's Water Supply Business Activity

for the financial year ended 30 June 2013

\$ '000	Actual 2013	Actual 2012
Income from continuing operations		
Access charges	3,724	3,229
User charges	18,177	12,006
Fees	-	-
Interest	513	187
Grants and contributions provided for non capital purposes	218	213
Profit from the sale of assets	121	-
Other income	177	240
Total income from continuing operations	22,930	15,875
Expenses from continuing operations		
Employee benefits and on-costs	7,433	7,460
Borrowing costs	328	69
Materials and contracts	2,408	1,600
Depreciation and impairment	6,776	5,036
Water purchase charges	100	51
Loss on sale of assets	-	22
Calculated taxation equivalents	41	36
Debt guarantee fee (if applicable)	-	-
Other expenses	4,726	2,900
Total expenses from continuing operations	21,812	17,174
Surplus (deficit) from Continuing Operations before capital amounts	1,118	(1,299)
Grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	2,847	1,747
Surplus (deficit) from Continuing Operations after capital amounts	3,965	448
Surplus (deficit) from discontinued operations	-	-
Surplus (deficit) from ALL Operations before tax	3,965	448
less: Corporate Taxation Equivalent (30%) [based on result before capital]	(335)	-
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) AFTER TAX	3,630	448
plus Opening Retained Profits	49,048	48,600
plus/less: Prior Period Adjustments	-	-
plus Adjustments for amounts unpaid:		
- Taxation equivalent payments	-	-
- Debt guarantee fees	-	-
- Corporate taxation equivalent	-	-
less:		
- Tax Equivalent Dividend paid	-	-
- Surplus dividend paid	-	-
Closing Retained Profits	52,678	49,048
Return on Capital %	0.7%	-0.7%
Subsidy from Council	5,888	6,911
Calculation of dividend payable:		
Surplus (deficit) after tax	3,630	448
less: Capital grants and contributions (excluding developer contributions)	(245)	(128)
Surplus for dividend calculation purposes	3,385	320
Potential Dividend calculated from surplus	1,692	160

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Statement of Financial Position - Council's Water Supply Business Activity

as at 30 June 2013

\$ '000	Actual 2013	Actual 2012
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	10,271	6,190
Investments	15,000	-
Receivables	2,820	1,991
Inventories	3,833	3,567
Other	49	179
Non-current assets classified as held for sale	-	-
Total Current Assets	31,973	11,927
Non-Current Assets		
Investments	-	-
Receivables	-	-
Inventories	-	-
Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	194,548	187,505
Investments accounted for using equity method	-	-
Investment property	-	-
Intangibles	1,550	1,500
Total non-Current Assets	196,098	189,005
TOTAL ASSETS	228,071	200,932
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Bank Overdraft	-	-
Payables	695	973
Interest bearing liabilities	1,272	110
Provisions	16,514	16,025
Total Current Liabilities	18,481	17,108
Non-Current Liabilities		
Payables	-	-
Interest bearing liabilities	16,515	3,059
Provisions	-	-
Total Non-Current Liabilities	16,515	3,059
TOTAL LIABILITIES	34,996	20,167
NET ASSETS	193,075	180,765
EQUITY		
Retained earnings	52,678	49,048
Revaluation reserves	140,397	131,717
Council equity interest	193,075	180,765
Non-controlling interest	-	-
TOTAL EQUITY	193,075	180,765

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Special Purpose Financial Statements

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Notes to the Special Purpose Financial Statements

for the financial year ended 30 June 2013

Note 1. Significant Accounting Policies

These financial statements are a Special Purpose Financial Statements (SPFS) prepared for use by Council and the Division of Local Government.

For the purposes of these statements, the Council is not a reporting not-for-profit entity.

The figures presented in these special purpose financial statements, unless otherwise stated, have been prepared in accordance with:

- the recognition and measurement criteria of relevant Australian Accounting Standards,
- other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) &
- Australian Accounting Interpretations.

The disclosures in these special purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with:

- the Local Government Act and Regulation, and
- the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.

The statements are also prepared on an accruals basis, based on historic costs and do not take into account changing money values nor current values of non-current assets (except where specifically stated).

Certain taxes and other costs (appropriately described) have been imputed for the purposes of the National Competition Policy.

National Competition Policy

Council has adopted the principle of 'competitive neutrality' to its business activities as part of the national competition policy which is being applied throughout Australia at all levels of government.

The framework for its application is set out in the June 1996 Government Policy statement on the "Application of National Competition Policy to Local Government".

The "Pricing & Costing for Council Businesses A Guide to Competitive Neutrality" issued by the Division of Local Government in July 1997 has also been adopted.

The pricing & costing guidelines outline the process for identifying and allocating costs to activities and provide a standard of disclosure requirements. These disclosures are reflected in Council's pricing and/or financial reporting systems and include taxation equivalents; council subsidies; return on investments (rate of return); and dividends paid.

Declared Business Activities

In accordance with *Pricing & Costing for Council Businesses - A Guide to Competitive Neutrality*, Council has declared that the following are to be considered as business activities:

Category 1

(where gross operating turnover is over \$2 million)

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Water supply operations servicing the local government areas of Wagga Wagga City, Lockhart, Urana Shire & Greater Hume Shire.

Category 2

(where gross operating turnover is less than \$2 million)

Nil

Monetary Amounts

Amounts shown in the financial statements are in Australian currency and rounded to the nearest one thousand dollars, with the exception of some figures disclosed in Note 2 (Water Supply Best Practice Management Disclosures).

As required by the NSW Office of Water (Department of Primary Industries) the amounts shown in Notes 2 are disclosed in whole dollars.

(i) Taxation Equivalent Charges

Council is liable to pay various taxes and financial duties in undertaking its business activities. Where this is the case, they are disclosed in these statements as a cost of operations just like all other costs.

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Notes to the Special Purpose Financial Statements

for the financial year ended 30 June 2013

Note 1. Significant Accounting Policies

However, where Council is exempt from paying taxes which are generally paid by private sector businesses (such as income tax), equivalent tax payments have been applied to all Council nominated business activities and are reflected in these financial statements.

For the purposes of disclosing comparative information relevant to the private sector equivalent, the following taxation equivalents have been applied to all council nominated business activities (this does not include council's non-business activities):

Notional Rate Applied %

Corporate Income Tax Rate – 30%

Land Tax – The first **\$406,000** of combined land values attracts **0%**. From \$406,001 to \$2,482,000 the rate is **1.6% + \$100**. For the remaining combined land value that exceeds \$2,482,000, a premium marginal rate of **2.0%** applies.

Payroll Tax – **5.45%** on the value of taxable salaries and wages in excess of \$689,000.

In accordance with the guidelines for Best Practice Management of Water Supply and Sewerage, a payment for the amount calculated as the annual tax equivalent charges (excluding income tax) must be paid from Water Supply Business activities.

The payment of taxation equivalent charges, referred in the Best Practice Management of Water Supply and Sewerage Guides to as a "Dividend for Taxation equivalent", may be applied for any purpose allowed under the Local Government Act, 1993.

Achievement of substantial compliance against the guidelines for Best Practice Management of Water Supply and Sewerage is not a prerequisite for the payment of the tax equivalent charges, however the payment must not exceed \$3 per assessment.

Income Tax

An income tax equivalent has been applied on the profits of each reported Business Activity.

Whilst income tax is not a specific cost for the purpose of pricing a good or service, it needs to be taken into account of in terms of assessing the rate of return required on capital invested.

Accordingly, the return on capital invested is set at a pre-tax level (gain/(loss) from ordinary activities before capital amounts) as would be applied by a private sector competitor – that is, it should include a provision equivalent to the corporate income tax rate, currently 30%.

Income Tax is only applied where a positive gain/(loss) from ordinary activities before capital amounts has been achieved.

Since this taxation equivalent is notional - that is, it is payable to the "Council" as the owner of business operations, it represents an internal payment and has no effect on the operations of the council. Accordingly, there is no need for disclosure of internal charges in Council's General Purpose Financial Statements.

The rate applied of 30% is the equivalent company tax rate prevalent as at balance date.

Local Government Rates & Charges

A calculation of the equivalent rates and charges payable on all Category 1 businesses has been applied to all land assets owned or exclusively used by the Business Activity.

Loan & Debt Guarantee Fees

The debt guarantee fee is designed to ensure that council business activities face "true" commercial borrowing costs in line with private sector competitors.

In order to calculate a debt guarantee fee, council has determined what the differential borrowing rate would have been between the commercial rate and the council's borrowing rate for its business activities.

(ii) Subsidies

Government policy requires that subsidies provided to customers and the funding of those subsidies must be explicitly disclosed.

Subsidies occur where council provides services on a less than cost recovery basis. This option is exercised on a range of services in order for council to meet its community service obligations.

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Notes to the Special Purpose Financial Statements

for the financial year ended 30 June 2013

Note 1. Significant Accounting Policies

Accordingly, Subsidies disclosed (in relation to National Competition Policy) represents the difference between revenue generated from 'rate of return' pricing and revenue generated from prices set by the council in any given financial year.

The overall effect of subsidies is contained within the Income Statement of each reported Business Activity.

(iii) Return on Investments (Rate of Return)

The Policy statement requires that councils with Category 1 businesses "would be expected to generate a return on capital funds employed that is comparable to rates of return for private businesses operating in a similar field".

Such funds are subsequently available for meeting commitments or financing future investment strategies.

The Rate of Return on Capital is calculated as follows:

Operating Result before Capital Income + Interest Expense

Written Down Value of I,PP&E as at 30 June

As a minimum, business activities should generate a return equal to the Commonwealth 10 year bond rate which is 3.77% at 30/6/13.

The actual rate of return achieved by each Business Activity is disclosed at the foot of each respective Income Statement.

(iv) Dividends

Council is not required to pay dividends to either itself (as owner of a range of businesses) or to any external entities.

Local Government Water Supply Businesses are permitted to pay an annual dividend from its water supply business surplus.

The dividend, calculated and approved in accordance with the Best Practice Management Guidelines, must not exceed either:

- (i) 50% of this surplus in any one year, or
- (ii) the number of water supply assessments at 30 June 2013 multiplied by \$30 (less the payment for tax equivalent charges, not exceeding \$3 per assessment).

In accordance with the guidelines for Best Practice Management of Water Supply and Sewerage, a Dividend Payment form, Statement of Compliance, Unqualified Independent Financial Audit Report and Compliance Audit Report are required to be submitted to the NSW Office of Water prior to making the dividend and only after it has approved the payment.

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Notes to the Special Purpose Financial Statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2013

Note 2. Water Supply Business Best Practice Management disclosure requirements

Dollars Amounts shown below are in WHOLE DOLLARS (unless otherwise indicated)

2013

1. Calculation and Payment of Tax-Equivalents

[All Local Government Local Water Utilities must pay this dividend for tax-equivalents]

(i)	Calculated Tax Equivalents	41,000
(ii)	No of assessments multiplied by \$3/assessment	94,998
(iii)	Amounts payable for Tax Equivalents [lesser of (i) and (ii)]	41,000
(iv)	Amounts actually paid for Tax Equivalents	-

2. Dividend from Surplus

(i)	50% of Surplus before Dividends [Calculated in accordance with Best Practice Management for Water Supply and Sewerage Guidelines]	1,692,300
(ii)	No. of assessments multiplied by \$30/assessment, less tax equivalent charges/assessment	908,980
(iii)	Cumulative surplus before Dividends for the 3 years to 30 June 2013, less the cumulative dividends paid for the 2 years to 30 June 2012 & 30 June 2011	1,510,600

2013 Surplus	3,384,600	2012 Surplus	320,000	2011 Surplus	(2,194,000)
		2012 Dividend	-	2011 Dividend	-

(iv)	Maximum dividend from surplus [least of (i), (ii) and (iii) above]	908,980
(v)	Dividend actually paid from surplus [refer below for required pre-dividend payment Criteria]	-

3. Required outcomes for 6 Criteria

[To be eligible for the payment of a "Dividend from Surplus", ALL the Criteria below need a "YES"]

(i)	Completion of Strategic Business Plan (including Financial Plan)	YES
(ii)	Full Cost Recovery, without significant cross subsidies [Refer Item 2(a) in Table 1 on page 22 of the Best Practice Guidelines]	YES
	- Complying charges [Item 2(b) in Table 1]	YES
	- DSP with Commercial Developer Charges [Item 2(e) in Table 1]	YES
	- If Dual Water Supplies, Complying Charges [Item 2(g) in Table 1]	YES
(iii)	Sound Water Conservation and Demand Management implemented	YES
(iv)	Sound Drought Management implemented	YES
(v)	Complete Performance Reporting Form (by 15 September each year)	YES
(vi)	a. Integrated Water Cycle Management Evaluation	YES
	b. Complete and implement Integrated Water Cycle Management Strategy	YES

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Notes to the Special Purpose Financial Statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2013

Note 2. Water Supply Business Best Practice Management disclosure requirements (continued)

Dollars Amounts shown below are in WHOLE DOLLARS (unless otherwise indicated)

2013

National Water Initiative (NWI) Financial Performance Indicators

NWI F1	Total Revenue (Water) Total Income (w13) - Grants for the Acquisition of Assets (w11a) - Interest Income (w9) - Aboriginal Communities W&S Program Income (w10a)	\$'000	24,969
NWI F4	Revenue from Residential Usage Charges (Water) Income from Residential Usage Charges (w6b) x 100 divided by the sum of [Income from Residential Usage Charges (w6a) + Income from Residential Access Charges (w6b)]	%	77.39%
NWI F9	Written Down Replacement Cost of Fixed Assets (Water) Written down current cost of system assets (w47)	\$'000	191,362
NWI F11	Operating Cost (OMA) (Water) Management Expenses (w1) + Operational & Maintenance Expenses (w2)	\$'000	11,355
NWI F14	Capital Expenditure (Water) Acquisition of fixed assets (w16)	\$'000	5,525
NWI F17	Economic Real Rate of Return (Water) [Total Income (w13) - Interest Income (w9) - Grants for acquisition of assets (w11a) - Operating Costs (NWI F11) - Current Cost Depreciation (w3)] x 100 divided by [Written Down Current Cost of System Assets (w47) + Plant & Equipment (w33b)]	%	3.51%
NWI F26	Capital Works Grants (Water) Grants for the Acquisition of Assets (w11a)	\$'000	245

- Notes:
- References to w (eg. w12) refer to item numbers within Special Schedules No. 3 & 4 of Council's Annual Financial Statements.
 - The NWI Performance Indicators are based upon the National Performance Framework Handbook for Urban Performance Reporting Indicators & Definitions.

**RIVERINA WATER COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL REPORTS
INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

SCOPE

We have audited the special purpose financial reports of Riverina Water County Council for the year ended 30 June 2013, comprising the Statement by Councillors and Management, Income Statement of Water Supply Business Activity, Balance Sheet of Water Supply Business Activity, and accompanying Notes to the Accounts.

Councillors and Managements responsibility for the financial report

The Councillors and Management of the Council are responsible for the preparation of the financial report in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements and have determined that the accounting policies therein described are appropriate to meet the financial reporting requirements to the Division of Local Government of the Department of Premier Cabinet. The Councillors and Managements responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal controls as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

The special purpose financial reports have been prepared for distribution to the Council and the Department of Local Government for the purpose of fulfilling the requirements of National Competition Policy reporting. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial statements to which it relates to any person other than the Council or the Department of Local Government or for any purpose other than for which the report was prepared.

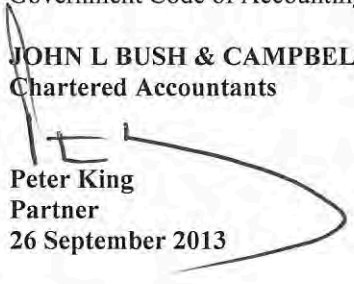
An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Council's preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view 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 the Council's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the Council, as well as evaluation the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

AUDIT OPINION

In our opinion, the Special Purpose Financial Reports of the Riverina Water County Council are presented fairly in accordance with the requirements of those applicable Accounting Standards detailed in Note 1 and the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.

JOHN L BUSH & CAMPBELL
Chartered Accountants


Peter King
Partner
26 September 2013

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SPECIAL SCHEDULES
for the year ended 30 June 2013

**"to provide our community with safe reliable
water at the lowest sustainable cost"**



Riverina Water County Council

Special Schedules

for the financial year ended 30 June 2013

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¹ Special Purpose Schedules are not audited.

Background

(i) These Special Schedules have been designed to meet the requirements of special purpose users such as;

- the NSW Grants Commission
- the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS),
- the NSW Office of Water,
- the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water, and
- the Division of Local Government (DLG).

(ii) The financial data is collected for various uses including;

- the allocation of Financial Assistance Grants,
- the incorporation of Local Government financial figures in national statistics,
- the monitoring of loan approvals,
- the allocation of borrowing rights, and
- the monitoring of the financial activities of specific services.

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Special Schedule No. 1 - Net Cost of Services

for the financial year ended 30 June 2013

\$'000

Function or Activity	Expenses from. Continuing. Operations.	Income from continuing operations		Net Cost. of Services.
		Non Capital.	Capital.	
Governance	-	-	-	-
Administration	-	-	-	-
Public Order and Safety				
Fire Service Levy, Fire Protection, Emergency Services	-	-	-	-
Beach Control	-	-	-	-
Enforcement of Local Govt. Regulations	-	-	-	-
Animal Control	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-
Total Public Order & Safety	-	-	-	-
Health	-	-	-	-
Environment				
Noxious Plants and Insect/Vermin Control	-	-	-	-
Other Environmental Protection	-	-	-	-
Solid Waste Management	-	-	-	-
Street Cleaning	-	-	-	-
Drainage	-	-	-	-
Stormwater Management	-	-	-	-
Total Environment	-	-	-	-
Community Services and Education				
Administration & Education	-	-	-	-
Social Protection (Welfare)	-	-	-	-
Aged Persons and Disabled	-	-	-	-
Children's Services	-	-	-	-
Total Community Services & Education	-	-	-	-
Housing and Community Amenities				
Public Cemeteries	-	-	-	-
Public Conveniences	-	-	-	-
Street Lighting	-	-	-	-
Town Planning	-	-	-	-
Other Community Amenities	-	-	-	-
Total Housing and Community Amenities	-	-	-	-
Water Supplies	21,771	22,930	2,847	4,006
Sewerage Services	-	-	-	-

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Special Schedule No. 1 - Net Cost of Services (continued)

for the financial year ended 30 June 2013

\$'000

Function or Activity	Expenses from. Continuing. Operations.	Income from continuing operations		Net Cost. of Services.
		Non Capital.	Capital.	
Recreation and Culture				
Public Libraries	-	-	-	-
Museums	-	-	-	-
Art Galleries	-	-	-	-
Community Centres and Halls	-	-	-	-
Performing Arts Venues	-	-	-	-
Other Performing Arts	-	-	-	-
Other Cultural Services	-	-	-	-
Sporting Grounds and Venues	-	-	-	-
Swimming Pools	-	-	-	-
Parks & Gardens (Lakes)	-	-	-	-
Other Sport and Recreation	-	-	-	-
Total Recreation and Culture	-	-	-	-
Fuel & Energy	-	-	-	-
Agriculture	-	-	-	-
Mining, Manufacturing and Construction				
Building Control	-	-	-	-
Other Mining, Manufacturing & Construction	-	-	-	-
Total Mining, Manufacturing and Const.	-	-	-	-
Transport and Communication				
Urban Roads (UR) - Local	-	-	-	-
Urban Roads - Regional	-	-	-	-
Sealed Rural Roads (SRR) - Local	-	-	-	-
Sealed Rural Roads (SRR) - Regional	-	-	-	-
Unsealed Rural Roads (URR) - Local	-	-	-	-
Unsealed Rural Roads (URR) - Regional	-	-	-	-
Bridges on UR - Local	-	-	-	-
Bridges on SRR - Local	-	-	-	-
Bridges on URR - Local	-	-	-	-
Bridges on Regional Roads	-	-	-	-
Parking Areas	-	-	-	-
Footpaths	-	-	-	-
Aerodromes	-	-	-	-
Other Transport & Communication	-	-	-	-
Total Transport and Communication	-	-	-	-
Economic Affairs				
Camping Areas & Caravan Parks	-	-	-	-
Other Economic Affairs	-	-	-	-
Total Economic Affairs	-	-	-	-
Totals – Functions	21,771	22,930	2,847	4,006
General Purpose Revenues⁽²⁾		-		-
Share of interests - joint ventures & associates using the equity method	-	-		-
NET OPERATING RESULT ⁽¹⁾	21,771	22,930	2,847	4,006

(1) As reported in the Income Statement

(2) Includes: Rates & Annual Charges (incl. Ex Gratia, excl. Water & Sewer), Non Capital General Purpose Grants, Interest on Investments (excl. Ext. Restricted Assets) & Interest on overdue Rates & Annual Charges

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Special Schedule No. 2(a) - Statement of Long Term Debt (all purpose) for the financial year ended 30 June 2013

\$'000

Classification of Debt	Principal outstanding at beginning of the year			New Loans raised during the year	Debt redemption during the year		Transfers to Sinking Funds	Interest applicable for Year	Principal outstanding at the end of the year		
	Current	Non Current	Total		From Revenue	Sinking Funds			Current	Non Current	Total
Loans (by Source)											
Commonwealth Government	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Treasury Corporation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other State Government	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Public Subscription	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Financial Institutions	110	3,059	3,169	15,000	382	-	-	402	1,272	16,515	17,787
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Loans	110	3,059	3,169	15,000	382	-	-	402	1,272	16,515	17,787
Other Long Term Debt											
Ratepayers Advances	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Government Advances	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Finance Leases	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deferred Payments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Long Term Debt	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Debt	110	3,059	3,169	15,000	382	-	-	402	1,272	16,515	17,787

Notes: Excludes (i) Internal Loans & (ii) Principal Inflows/Outflows relating to Loan Re-Financing.
This Schedule is prepared using the **face value** of debt obligations, rather than **fair value** (which are reported in the GPFS).

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Special Schedule No. 3 - Water Supply Income Statement

Includes ALL INTERNAL TRANSACTIONS, ie. prepared on a Gross Basis.
for the financial year ended 30 June 2013

\$'000	Actuals 2013	Actuals 2012
A Expenses and Income		
Expenses		
1. Management expenses		
a. Administration	2,359	2,106
b. Engineering and Supervision	2,112	993
2. Operation and Maintenance expenses		
- Dams & Weirs		
a. Operation expenses	-	-
b. Maintenance expenses	-	-
- Mains		
c. Operation expenses	831	830
d. Maintenance expenses	991	890
- Reservoirs		
e. Operation expenses	56	35
f. Maintenance expenses	144	303
- Pumping Stations		
g. Operation expenses (excluding energy costs)	23	32
h. Energy costs	2,802	1,890
i. Maintenance expenses	307	353
- Treatment		
j. Operation expenses (excluding chemical costs)	-	-
k. Chemical costs	230	312
l. Maintenance expenses	652	730
- Other		
m. Operation expenses	273	258
n. Maintenance expenses	475	558
o. Purchase of water	100	51
3. Depreciation expenses		
a. System assets	5,789	3,243
b. Plant and equipment	987	1,793
4. Miscellaneous expenses		
a. Interest expenses	328	68
b. Revaluation Decrements	-	-
c. Other expenses	3,362	2,493
d. Impairment - System assets	-	-
e. Impairment - Plant and equipment	-	-
h. Impairment - Intangible Assets	(50)	200
f. Aboriginal Communities Water & Sewerage Program	-	-
g. Tax Equivalents Dividends (actually paid)	-	-
5. Total expenses	21,771	17,138

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Special Schedule No. 3 - Water Supply Income Statement (continued)

Includes ALL INTERNAL TRANSACTIONS, ie. prepared on a Gross Basis.
for the financial year ended 30 June 2013

\$'000	Actuals 2013	Actuals 2012
Income		
6. Residential charges		
a. Access (including rates)	3,347	2,866
b. Usage charges	11,455	7,243
7. Non-residential charges		
a. Access (including rates)	377	362
b. Usage charges	5,229	3,738
c. Other charges	430	347
8. Extra charges	72	58
9. Interest income	441	129
10. Other income	961	941
10a. Aboriginal Communities Water and Sewerage Program	-	-
11. Grants		
a. Grants for acquisition of assets	245	127
b. Grants for pensioner rebates	212	202
c. Other grants	6	11
12. Contributions		
a. Developer charges	2,602	1,620
b. Developer provided assets	-	-
c. Other contributions	278	-
13. Total income	25,655	17,644
14. Gain (or loss) on disposal of assets	121	(22)
15. Operating Result	4,005	484
15a. Operating Result (less grants for acquisition of assets)	3,760	357

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Special Schedule No. 3 - Water Supply Income Statement (continued)

Includes ALL INTERNAL TRANSACTIONS, ie. prepared on a Gross Basis.
for the financial year ended 30 June 2013

\$'000	Actuals 2013	Actuals 2012
B Capital transactions		
Non-operating expenditures		
16. Acquisition of Fixed Assets		
a. New Assets for Improved Standards	-	-
b. New Assets for Growth	1,567	3,400
c. Renewals	2,949	1,898
d. Plant and equipment	1,009	679
17. Repayment of debt		
a. Loans	-	-
b. Advances	-	-
c. Finance leases	-	-
18. Transfer to sinking fund	-	-
19. Totals	5,525	5,977
Non-operating funds employed		
20. Proceeds from disposal of assets	507	293
21. Borrowing utilised		
a. Loans	-	-
b. Advances	-	-
c. Finance leases	-	-
22. Transfer from sinking fund	-	-
23. Totals	507	293
C Rates and charges		
24. Number of assessments		
a. Residential (occupied)	27,928	27,889
b. Residential (unoccupied, ie. vacant lot)	1,097	1,241
c. Non-residential (occupied)	2,641	2,615
d. Non-residential (unoccupied, ie. vacant lot)	-	-
25. Number of ETs for which developer charges were received	472 ET	308 ET
26. Total amount of pensioner rebates (actual dollars)	\$ 385,274	\$ 327,703

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Special Schedule No. 3 - Water Supply Cross Subsidies

for the financial year ended 30 June 2013

\$'000	Yes	No	Amount
D Best practice annual charges and developer charges*			
27. Annual charges			
a. Does Council have best-practice water supply annual charges and usage charges*?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	
If Yes, go to 28a.			
If No, please report if council has removed land value from access charges (ie rates)?			
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>			
NB. Such charges for both residential customers and non-residential customers comply with section 3.2 of Water Supply, Sewerage and Trade Waste Pricing Guidelines, NSW Office of Water, December, 2002. Such charges do not involve significant cross subsidies.			
b. Cross-subsidy from residential customers using less than allowance (page 25 of Guidelines)			<input type="text"/>
c. Cross-subsidy to non-residential customers (page 24 of Guidelines)			<input type="text"/>
d. Cross-subsidy to large connections in unmetered supplies (page 26 of Guidelines)			<input type="text"/>
28. Developer charges			
a. Has council completed a water supply Development Servicing** Plan?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	
b. Total cross-subsidy in water supply developer charges for 2012/13 (page 47 of Guidelines)			<input type="text" value="1,088"/>
** In accordance with page 9 of Developer Charges Guidelines for Water Supply, Sewerage and Stormwater, NSW Office of Water, December, 2002.			
29. Disclosure of cross-subsidies			
Total of cross-subsidies (27b +27c + 27d + 28b)			<input type="text" value="1,088"/>

* Councils which have not yet implemented best practice water supply pricing should disclose cross-subsidies in items 27b, 27c and 27d above.

However, disclosure of cross-subsidies is **not** required where a Council has implemented best practice pricing and is phasing in such pricing over a period of 3 years.

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Special Schedule No. 4 - Water Supply Statement of Financial Position

Includes INTERNAL TRANSACTIONS, ie. prepared on a Gross Basis.
as at 30 June 2013

\$'000	Actuals Current	Actuals Non Current	Actuals Total
ASSETS			
30. Cash and investments			
a. Developer charges	-	-	-
b. Special purpose grants	18	-	18
c. Accrued leave	896	-	896
d. Unexpended loans	14,722	-	14,722
e. Sinking fund	-	-	-
f. Other	9,635	-	9,635
31. Receivables			
a. Specific purpose grants	306	-	306
b. Rates and Availability Charges	628	-	628
c. User Charges	1,357	-	1,357
d. Other	528	-	528
32. Inventories	3,833	-	3,833
33. Property, plant and equipment			
a. System assets	-	191,362	191,362
b. Plant and equipment	-	3,186	3,186
34. Other assets	50	1,550	1,600
35. Total assets	31,973	196,098	228,071
LIABILITIES			
36. Bank overdraft	-	-	-
37. Creditors	695	-	695
38. Borrowings			
a. Loans	1,272	16,515	17,787
b. Advances	-	-	-
c. Finance leases	-	-	-
39. Provisions			
a. Tax equivalents	-	-	-
b. Dividend	-	-	-
c. Other	2,987	-	2,987
40. Total liabilities	4,954	16,515	21,469
41. NET ASSETS COMMITTED	27,019	179,583	206,602
EQUITY			
42. Accumulated surplus			66,205
43. Asset revaluation reserve			140,397
44. TOTAL EQUITY			206,602
Note to system assets:			
45. Current replacement cost of system assets			333,469
46. Accumulated current cost depreciation of system assets			(142,107)
47. Written down current cost of system assets			191,362

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Note to Special Schedule No. 3

for the financial year ended 30 June 2013

Administration ⁽¹⁾

(item 1a of Special Schedules 3 and 5) comprises the following:

- Administration staff:
 - Salaries and allowance
 - Travelling expenses
 - Accrual of leave entitlements
 - Employment overheads.
- Meter reading.
- Bad and doubtful debts.
- Other administrative/corporate support services.

Engineering and supervision ⁽¹⁾

(item 1b of Special Schedules 3 and 5) comprises the following:

- Engineering staff:
 - Salaries and allowance
 - Travelling expenses
 - Accrual of leave entitlements
 - Employment overheads.
- Other technical and supervision staff:
 - Salaries and allowance
 - Travelling expenses
 - Accrual of leave entitlements
 - Employment overheads.

Operational expenses (item 2 of Special Schedules 3 and 5) comprise the day to day operational expenses excluding maintenance expenses.

Maintenance expenses (item 2 of Special Schedules 3 and 5) comprise the day to day repair and maintenance expenses. (Refer to Section 5 of the Local Government Asset Accounting Manual regarding capitalisation principles and the distinction between capital and maintenance expenditure).

Other expenses (item 4c of Special Schedules 3 and 5) includes all expenses not recorded elsewhere.

Revaluation decrements (item 4b of Special Schedules 3 and 5) is to be used when I,PP&E decreases in FV.

Impairment Losses (item 4d & 4e of Special Schedules 3 and 5) are to be used when the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its recoverable amount (refer to page D-31).

Aboriginal Communities Water and Sewerage Program (item 4f of Special Schedules 3 and 5) is to be used when operation and maintenance work has been undertaken on behalf of the Aboriginal Communities Water and Sewerage Program. Similarly, income for item 11a of Special Schedule 3 and item 12a of Special Schedule 5 are for services provided to the Aboriginal Communities Water and Sewerage Program and is not part of Council's water supply and sewerage revenue.

Residential charges ⁽²⁾ (items 6a, 6b and item 6 of Special Schedules 3 and 5 respectively) include all income from residential charges. Item 6 of Schedule 3 should be separated into 6a Access Charges (including rates if applicable) and 6b Usage Charges.

Non-residential charges ⁽²⁾ (items 7a, 7b of Special Schedules 3 and 5) include all income from non-residential charges separated into 7a Access Charges (including rates if applicable) and 7b Usage Charges.

Trade waste charges (item 8 of Special Schedule 5) include all income from trade waste charges separated into 8a Annual Fees, 8b Usage Charges and 8c Excess Mass Charges and 8d Re-inspection Fees.

Other income (items 10 and 11 of Special Schedules 3 and 5 respectively) include all income not recorded elsewhere.

Other contributions (items 12c and 13c of Special Schedules 3 and 5 respectively) incl. capital contributions for water supply or sewerage services received by Council under Section 565 of the Local Government Act.

Notes:

⁽¹⁾ Administration and engineering costs for the development of capital works projects should be reported as part of the capital cost of the project and not as part of the recurrent expenditure (ie. in item 16 for water supply and item 17 for sewerage, and **not** in items 1a and 1b).

⁽²⁾ To enable accurate reporting of **residential revenue from usage charges**, it is essential for councils to accurately separate their residential (item 6) charges and non-residential (item 7) charges.

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Special Schedule No. 7 - Condition of Public Works
as at 30 June 2013

\$'000			Dep'n. Rate (%)	Dep'n Expense (\$)	Cost	Valuation	Accum. Depreciation Amortisation & Impairment	Carrying Amount (WDV)	Asset Condition [#]	Estimated cost to bring up to a satisfactory condition / standard ⁽¹⁾	Required ⁽²⁾ Annual Maintenance	Current ⁽³⁾ Annual Maintenance
ASSET CLASS	Asset Category											
Buildings			per Note 1	per Note 4	<<<<<<<<<<< per Note 9 >>>>>>>>>							
	Council Offices / Depots		1.25%	109	-	10,493	1,256	9,237	2	10	5	457
	Council Houses		1.25%	6	-	452	63	389	2	4	2	4
	sub total			115	-	10,945	1,319	9,626		14	7	461
Water												
	Treatment Plants		1.30%	684	-	39,938	9,493	30,445	2	2,000	450	652
	Bores		4.00%	315	-	10,487	2,794	7,693	2	600	100	119
	Reservoirs		1.00%	703	-	49,537	13,927	35,610	2	2,500	300	144
	Pipeline		2.00%	3,532	-	206,139	110,390	95,749	3	14,036	2,000	991
	Pump Station		1.30%	439	-	13,109	4,185	8,924	2	1,500	450	407
	sub total			5,673	-	319,210	140,789	178,421		20,636	3,300	2,313
	TOTAL - ALL ASSETS			5,788	-	330,155	142,108	188,047		20,650	3,307	2,774

Notes:

(1). Satisfactory refers to estimated cost to bring the asset to a satisfactory condition as deemed by Council. It does not include any planned enhancements to the existing asset.

(2). Required Annual Maintenance is what should be spent to maintain assets in a satisfactory standard.

(3). Current Annual Maintenance is what has been spent in the current year to maintain assets.

Asset Condition "Key" - as per the DLG Integrated Planning & Reporting Manual

1	Excellent - No work required (normal maintenance)
2	Good - Only minor maintenance work required
3	Average - Maintenance work required
4	Poor - Renewal required
5	Very Poor - Urgent renewal/upgrading required

Riverina Water County Council

Special Schedule No. 8 - Financial Projections as at 30 June 2013

\$'000	Actual ⁽¹⁾ 12/13	Forecast ⁽³⁾ 13/14	Forecast ⁽³⁾ 14/15	Forecast ⁽³⁾ 15/16	Forecast ⁽³⁾ 16/17	Forecast ⁽³⁾ 17/18	Forecast ⁽³⁾ 18/19	Forecast ⁽³⁾ 19/20	Forecast ⁽³⁾ 20/21	Forecast ⁽³⁾ 21/22	Forecast ⁽³⁾ 22/23
(i) OPERATING BUDGET											
Income from continuing operations	25,777	24,734	24,738	27,001	27,729	28,478	29,249	30,043	30,862	31,705	32,573
Expenses from continuing operations	21,771	21,923	23,434	24,844	25,857	26,595	27,363	28,214	29,049	29,645	30,472
Operating Result from Continuing Operations	4,006	2,811	1,304	2,157	1,872	1,883	1,886	1,829	1,813	2,060	2,101
(ii) CAPITAL BUDGET											
New Capital Works ⁽²⁾	1,567	8,282	17,004	10,991	5,020	1,976	1,926	1,781	2,048	1,976	3,151
Replacement/Refurbishment of Existing Assets	3,958	9,847	11,558	4,872	3,413	5,304	5,054	2,849	4,782	5,404	4,329
Total Capital Budget	5,525	18,129	28,562	15,863	8,433	7,280	6,980	4,630	6,830	7,380	7,480
Funded by:											
- Loans	1,641	13,866	18,426	8,000	5,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
- Asset sales	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
- Reserves	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
- Grants/Contributions	2,602	4,263	2,300	2,300	2,300	2,300	2,300	2,300	2,300	2,300	2,300
- Recurrent revenue	1,282	-	7,836	5,563	1,133	4,980	4,680	2,330	4,530	5,080	5,180
- Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	5,525	18,129	28,562	15,863	8,433	7,280	6,980	4,630	6,830	7,380	7,480

Notes:

- (1) From 12/13 Income Statement.
- (2) New Capital Works are major non-recurrent projects, eg new Leisure Centre, new Library, new Swimming pool etc.
- (3) Financial projections should be in accordance with Council's Integrated Planning and Reporting framework.

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