



Shire of West Arthur

# Annual Report

2023 - 2024



*Forest to Wheatbelt*



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## Acknowledgement of Country

The Shire of West Arthur respectfully acknowledges that the land upon which we work and live is the traditional land of the Wilman Noongar peoples. We recognise their cultural heritage, beliefs, and continuing relationship with the land. We honour Elders past and present, and we support the principles of a reconciled Australia for all its people.

## About the Annual Report

*The Shire of West Arthur’s Annual Report is an important part of the Integrated Strategic Planning and Reporting Framework. It details the Shire’s financial and operational performance in the 2023-2024 financial year and documents the Shire’s progress in line with the Strategic Community Plan.*

The Strategic Community Plan ‘West Arthur: Towards 2031’ provides the Shire’s long-term strategic direction and guides the organisation’s decision-making, services, projects and financial commitments that will deliver a Shire that is safe, friendly and welcoming, with a dynamic and expanding local economy.

**Our Community** – we live in a safe, friendly and inclusive community.

**Local Economy** – we have a sustainable and stable agricultural industry, supported by a dynamic and growing business sector.

**Natural Environment** – our natural assets are valued and meet the needs of our community.

**Built Environment** – our roads, towns and facilities are well maintained and reflect our rural identity and heritage.

**Leadership and Management** – we have inspirational, dynamic leaders providing well-managed, transparent governance.

The Shire of West Arthur’s Annual Report includes a snapshot of its performance and an overview of its outlook for the future.

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## Shire President's Report

*I am honoured to present the 2023-2024 Annual Report to the residents and ratepayers of the Shire of West Arthur in what has been another busy and progressive year.*

The Local Government elections were held in October 2023, with four seats declared vacant. Councillors Peirce and Squires were re-elected, along with me. Cr Neil Manuel retired after serving 14 years on the Council, and I would like to thank him for his dedication and service to the Shire. Cr Lucy Hall was elected unopposed but resigned in March 2024, creating a vacancy not filled before the end of the financial year. Each Councillor brings a defined skill set to the meetings, allowing for good discussion in Council briefing sessions.

Eleven Ordinary Council Meetings and the Annual Electors Meeting were held. This is a reminder that all community members are welcome to attend the monthly Council and Annual Electors Meetings.

Councillors also served on local, district, and regional committees and boards, helping deliver the best possible outcomes for our community. These committees include the Bush Fire Advisory Committee and Local Emergency Management Committee, WA Local Government Association Zone meetings, 4WDL (a Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils (VROC) comprising the Shires of Wagin, West Arthur, Williams, Woodanilling, Dumbleyung and Lake Grace), and the Regional Road Group. They are also on local committees, including the West Arthur CRC, Darkan Swimming Pool, West Arthur Cottage Homes, Tidy Towns and Lake Towerrinning Reference Group. Councillors also completed training in areas such as Understanding Financial Reports and Budgets, Understanding Local Government, Conflicts of Interest, Meeting Procedures, and Serving on Council.

Council adopted the 2023/2024 Budget, the 2022/2023 Annual Report, the Public Health Plan, the Age-Friendly Plan, the Workforce Plan, the Animals, Environment and Nuisance Local Law, the Customer Service Charter, and reviewed the Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Network Governance Plan. It approved subdivisions at Capercup and in the industrial subdivision, signed an agreement to manage the caravan park, developed an agreement to supply water tanks to Duranillin residents, and awarded allocations for the Industry Attraction and Business Development Fund, as well as appointed the WA Electoral Commission to conduct an extraordinary election. The Council received development applications for a composting facility, which was refused, for the Darkan Roadhouse, the Darkan Hotel, the CWA, and a proposed new tree farm.

The Shire saw the retirements of long-term staff member Geoff Bunce and Kym McGregor from the Outside crew. I wish them all the best. The staff within the office has remained the same.

The focus has been on the Shire's road network, ensuring that our community has access to all areas of the Shire. As an agricultural area, the road network is significant to the Shire. The Works and Services manager established a grading zone program, which has led to regular maintenance.

The Shire continues to support local community groups and volunteers and recognises the enormous benefits they bring to the community. Without the dedication of the volunteers who selflessly give up their time, our community would be worse off.

Green energy developers have shown significant interest in sites within the Shire to develop wind farms. Our proximity to transmission lines, agricultural land, and good winds gives the area potential

for wind farm development. The Shire has been working with our Planning Officer to develop a policy enabling agriculture and green energy to work together.

A special flag-raising event took a first step towards reconciliation with the local Wilman Noongar peoples. Students from Darkan PS joined local elder Wayne Coles in a smoking ceremony before the Indigenous flag was raised for the first time outside the Shire Administration Centre. Consultation with Wilman Noongar people occurred during a survey of the Hillman Rock area as we looked at developing walking trails there.

The upcoming 2024/25 year will see the completion of the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure program projects. The Shire is working with the Department of Education to review and renew the lease agreement for the Darkan Swimming Pool and transition it from the Grade 3 to the Grade 1 pool. We continue to seek ways to enhance our community and make West Arthur a great place to live, work and visit.

**Neil Morrell**  
**Shire President**



## Chief Executive Officer's Report

*I am pleased to present the CEO's Report for the 2023/2024 financial year, encapsulating the progress and achievements of the Shire of West Arthur.*



As we reflect on the past year, it is evident that our community's resilience and collaborative spirit have been the driving forces behind our success.

During the year, we said farewell to the following staff members:

- Kym McGregor (Plant Operator / Labourer)
- Krista Etheridge (Casual Cleaner)
- Ros King (Casual Cleaner)
- Bill Sloan (Plant Operator / Labourer)

We welcomed the following new staff:

- Gary Cooper (Building Maintenance Officer)
- Shelley Cooper (Customer Service Officer – Maternity Leave)
- Izaak Flowerdew (Casual Gardener)
- Bonnie Telfer (Casual Project Coordinator)
- Ross Eastwood (Plant Operator / Labourer)
- Mark Peez (Parks and Gardens Townsperson)
- Ryan Fowles (Plant Operator / Labourer)

Thank you to all the departing staff for their valuable contributions to the organisation and the community over many years. We wish them well in their future endeavours.

I am pleased to report that the Shire has maintained a strong financial position throughout the year. Our prudent financial management and strategic planning have allowed us to allocate resources efficiently, ensuring that essential services are delivered without compromising the Shire's fiscal health. We have continued to invest in infrastructure projects that contribute to the long-term prosperity of our community.

The Shire remains committed to fostering a vibrant and inclusive community. We have worked diligently to enhance community facilities, promote cultural events, and support local initiatives. Our efforts in community development have aimed at creating an environment where residents can thrive and businesses can prosper. The successful completion of various community projects is a testament to our dedication to the well-being of our residents.

Substantial progress has been made in upgrading and maintaining our vital infrastructure. Roads, bridges, and recreational facilities have been a particular focus, ensuring that our community enjoys safe and accessible amenities. These upgrades not only contribute to the quality of life for residents but also attract visitors, bolstering our local economy.

Collaboration with stakeholders is paramount to our success. The Shire values the input and feedback received from residents, businesses, and community organisations. Where time constraints permitted and Council felt it necessary, we have actively sought to engage with stakeholders.

## Notable Achievements

1. Council adopted the Shire of West Arthur Public Health Plan. A Public Health Plan is a comprehensive set of proposed activities that informs the way in which public health is managed within a local government area.
2. Council adopted an Animals, Environment and Nuisance Local Law to provide for the regulation, control and management of animals and birds, the prevention of environmental damage and nuisances within the District.
3. Council adopted the new Local Planning Policy No 4 Wellington Catchment to streamline the processing of development applications within the Wellington Reservoir Catchment Special Control Area of the Shire's Planning Scheme.
4. Council adopted the Shire of West Arthur Corporate Business Plan (CBP) 2023/24 to 2026/27. The CBP is our plan that puts into effect the strategic vision and aspirations outlined in our Strategic Community Plan (SCP). These vision and aspirations were identified in our extensive community engagement program undertaken in 2020 and 2021.
5. Three local existing/potential businesses shared in \$10,000 through the Shire's Industry Attraction and Business Development Fund.
6. The Shire implemented a new ERP (Corporate computer system) which actually went live on 1 July 2024. The ERP integrates different systems such as rating, payroll, and financial management into one system with the goal of making our processes more efficient and effective.
7. The Monarch electronic records management system was implemented to ensure that the Shire can comply with its legislated recordkeeping requirements.
8. Council approved a Memorandum of Understanding for Emergency Traffic Control on State Roads between the Shire of West Arthur and Main Roads Western Australia.
9. Council adopted the new Local Planning Policy No 6 Outbuildings. The objectives of the Policy are:
  - To ensure that oversized outbuildings do not detract from the streetscape or the visual amenity of residents or neighbouring properties;
  - To accommodate outbuildings that meet the needs of the residents whilst being appropriate for the zone and land use; and
  - To provide guidance for the consideration of Development Applications.
10. Council adopted the Shire of West Arthur Age-Friendly Community Plan 2024- 2029.
11. Council adopted the Shire of West Arthur Customer Service Charter.
12. Council adopted the Shire of West Arthur's Asset Management Plan 2023-2033.
13. Council adopted the Shire of West Arthur's Long Term Financial Plan 2023-2033.
14. Council adopted the Shire of West Arthur's Workforce Plan 2024-2028.

Looking ahead, the Shire will continue to focus on such important issues as wind farms and the renewable energy transition, worker housing, water sustainability and changes to waste management requirements.



In conclusion, I extend my gratitude to the Shire's dedicated staff, the Council, and the entire community for their unwavering support and commitment. Together, we have achieved significant milestones, and I am confident that our collective efforts will continue to shape a prosperous and sustainable future for the Shire of West Arthur.

**Vin Fordham Lamont**  
**Chief Executive Officer**



## Your Council

### Portfolios and Roles

The Shire of West Arthur has seven Elected Members representing the local community. The Councillors elect the President and Deputy President every two years. The following councillors represented the community in the 2023/24 financial year.

#### **Cr Neil Morrell (President) – Elected to Office in 2019, Retiring 2027**

- 4WDL VROC Committee
- Audit & Risk Committee
- Central Country Zone of WALGA
- Development Assessment Panel (Proxy)
- Lake Towerrinning Strategic Plan Reference Group
- Local Emergency Management Committee (Chairperson)

#### **Cr Karen Harrington (Deputy President) - Elected to Office in 2021, Retiring 2025**

- 4WDL VROC Committee
- Audit & Risk Committee
- Central Country Zone of WALGA
- Development Assessment Panel (Proxy)
- Local Emergency Management Committee
- Sub-group of the Regional Roads Group (Proxy)

#### **Cr Graeme Peirce - Elected to Office in 2019, Retiring 2027**

- 4WDL VROC Committee
- Bush Fire Advisory Committee (Proxy)
- Development Assessment Panel
- West Arthur-Collie Senior School Bus Working Group

#### **Cr Neil Manuel - Elected to Office in 2009, Retired 2023**

- Audit & Risk Committee
- Development Assessment Panel
- Proxy to the Regional Road Group
- Tidy Towns Committee
- Arthur River Development Group

#### **Cr Adam Squires - Elected to Office in 2019, Retiring 2025**

- West Arthur Cottage Homes Committee

#### **Cr Robyn Lubcke - Elected to Office in 2021, Retiring 2025**

- Darkan Swimming Pool Committee
- Tidy Towns Committee
- Museum Reference Group
- West Arthur Community Resource Centre

#### **Cr Duncan South - Elected to Office in 2021, Retiring 2025**

- Bush Fire Advisory Committee
- Local Emergency Management Committee
- Sub-group of the Regional Roads Group

**Cr Lucy Hall - Elected to Office in 2023, Retired 2024**

- Audit & Risk Committee
- Development Assessment Panel
- Tidy Towns Committee

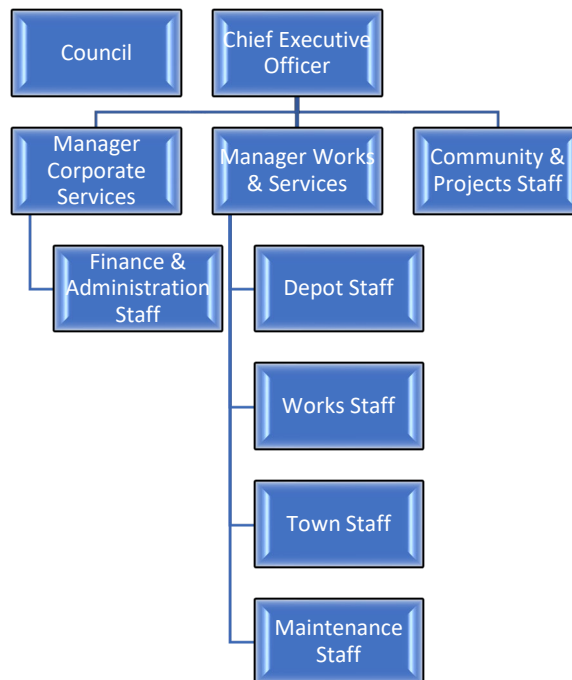


*SoWA Councillors (L-R): Graeme Peirce, Robyn Lubcke Neil Morrell, Karen Harrington, Duncan South, Adam Squires. Absent: Lucy Hall*

## Executive Officers and Organisation Structure

As of June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024, our management team consisted of:

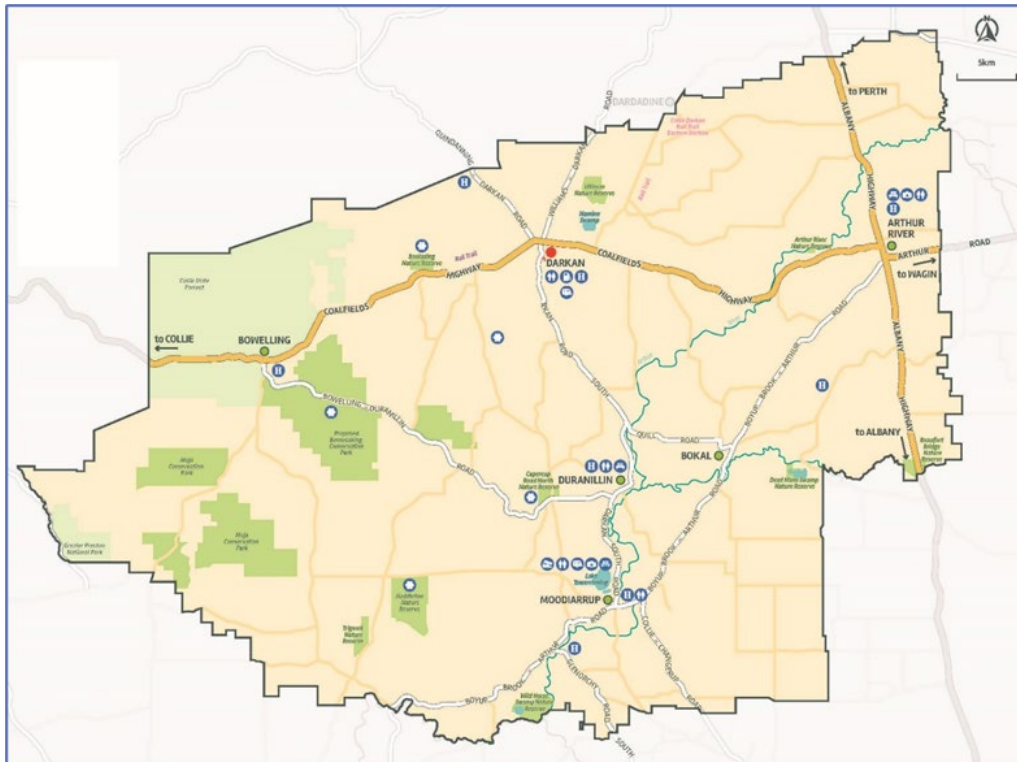
<b>Chief Executive Officer</b>	Vin Fordham Lamont
<b>Manager Corporate Services</b>	Rajinder Sunner
<b>Manager Financial Reporting</b>	Melinda King
<b>Manager Works &amp; Services</b>	Gary Rasmussen



1: Organisational Structure

## Shire of West Arthur Quick Facts

- Area: 283,182.7 hectares
- Road length: 208km sealed roads, 652km unsealed roads
- Population: 773 (ABS Census 2021)
- Number of Electors: 597
- Year Shire established: 1896



Map of Shire of West Arthur

### Public Facilities

Arthur River Country Club  
 Arthur River Hall  
 Arthur River Historical Precinct  
 Betty Brown Historical Centre  
 Bowelling Railway Station  
 Community Gym

Darkan to Collie Rail Trail  
 Darkan Pioneer Hall  
 Darkan Railway Station  
 Darkan Sports Complex  
 Darkan Station Masters House  
 Darkan Swimming Pool  
 Darkan Town Hall

Duranillin School  
 Duranillin Town Hall  
 Glenorchy School  
 Lake Towerrinning  
 Moodiarrup Hall  
 Moodiarrup Sports Complex  
 Six Mile Cottage  
 The Shed

### Revenue 2023/2024

Total Capital Works Value for 2023/24	\$2,117,704
Total Operational Revenue for 2023/24	\$5,338,050
Total Non-operational Revenue for 2023/24	\$ 940,646
Total Income from Rates for 2023/24	\$1,997,367

## Community Strategic Plan / Corporate Business Plan Overview

This report is based on the Community Strategic Plan adopted in 2021, and the accompanying Corporate Business Plan adopted in 2021.

Section 5.53(e) of the Local Government Act 1995 states that the Annual Report is “an overview of the Plan for the Future of the district made in accordance with section 5.56, including major initiatives that are proposed to commence or continue in the next financial year.”

The Community Strategic Plan and the Corporate Business Plan have five key themes: Community, Local Economy, Natural Environment, Built Environment, and Leadership and Management.

The Corporate Business Plan expands on the community’s desired goals and outcomes with strategies and actions and supports the strategic direction with specific priorities and actions. It informs the annual planning and budgeting processes.

Many of the projects listed in this annual report have been made possible by Economic Stimulus funding provided by the Federal Government through the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) program.

### The Year in Review

#### Community – Safe, Friendly, and Inclusive

##### Key Performance Measures

- We have a range of sporting, cultural and recreational activities, and people from all walks of life are actively participating in the community
- We have developed Risk Management Plans, Disability Access & Inclusion Plans, and Reconciliation Action Plan
- We maintained our low crime rate
- People are able to access health facilities they require
- Increasing number of people are actively involved in volunteering within the community
- We have created a Heritage list to protect our heritage assets

#### ***Outcome 1.1 – A safe place to work, live, and visit***

##### Strategies and Plans

- Support for the provision of emergency services and volunteers
- Prevention of crime
- Communication of risks and hazards to the community and assistance with management of these

The Shire is actively involved in managing emergencies in our district. During 2022/23, the Shire attended several fires, two traffic incidents, and two truck incidents on Coalfields Highway. There were also over 20 callouts related to trees down on roads in the Shire.

Shire purchased 3 Fast Fill Trailers for the local Bush Fire Brigades.

The Shire uses the Signal app to communicate with local volunteers, and an SMS service provides information to local community members, including harvest and vehicle movement bans, road closures, and bushfire information. Social media and the website are also used to provide public information.

The Community Emergency Services Manager (CESM) and CEO attended two Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC) and two Bush Fire Advisory Committee (BFAC) meetings.

The Shire collaborates with the local brigades, and we acknowledge the dedication of the volunteers, especially Chief Fire Control Officer Ben Robinson and Deputy Graeme Peirce.



**Outcome 1.2 – Support available for people of all ages and abilities**

Strategies and Plans

- Actively support and promote a range of activities for a range of ages and abilities
- Maintain and support the growth of medical facilities, childcare and aged services in the district
- Provide services and infrastructure to meet the needs of the community

In April 2023, a wall-mounted television was installed in the foyer of the Shire Administration building as part of the upgrade. A new presentation, including posters of upcoming events, courses, and other activities, is created each month. These are also promoted through the Shire website and social media. The Shire also supported local community groups through events, including the RSL, CWA, and Act Belong Commit Darkan Sheepfest.

The Shire received a \$10,000 grant for an Australia Day event in 2024. This funding provided entertainment, equipment replacement, bus hire, and a new portable PA system.

In January 2024, Dr Marelene Oelofse commenced delivering GP services in Darkan following the retirement of the former long-term doctor, Coert Erasmus. The medical services provided at the CRC are essential to the community, and the Shire continues to subsidise the CRC's operational costs to ensure these services are provided.

The Local Roads and Community Infrastructure program continued throughout 2023-2024, with the final project, the Swimming Pool Toilets, being completed. The initial issues associated with the toilets were resolved, and the project was completed on time and on budget.

1,097 seniors' meals were prepared during 2023/2024 and were subsidised by the Shire. The Shire acknowledges the work of the volunteers who assist in this project. The Shire also manages the funds associated with the annual Seniors Christmas Lunch.

The Council endorsed a five-year Public Health Plan in September 2023 and adopted the following policies: EH1—Healthy Eating, EH2—Active West Arthur Policy, EH3—Drug and Alcohol, and EH4—Environmental Health.

Work commenced on preparing the site of the new 1-8-year-olds playground in Railway Reserve. The site was chosen for its proximity to the BBQ shelter installed in 2022/2023.

**Outcome 1.3 – A unique identity and a strong connection to our past**

Strategies and Plans

- Maintain and preserve our cultural and heritage assets
- Reconnect with our Aboriginal heritage
- Support community events that connect to our history (e.g. Sheepfest / exhibitions / displays in Betty Brown Historical Centre)

The Shire received grant funding (\$19,123) for the realignment of the old Darkan Heritage Trail, which had fallen into disrepair and was routed through the King Street Development. These signs have been installed. Some work is still required on the way markers before finalising this project.

This year, the Betty Brown Historical Society celebrated the Country Women's Association's 100th year with an exhibition featuring prominent local CWA ladies and memorabilia associated with the local branches of CWA. The exhibition was opened on the 20<sup>th</sup> of April 2024. Approximately 70 people attended the opening, with visitors from as far afield as Geraldton and Joondalup to view the exhibit. We were honoured to host Trish Langdon (CWA CEO), Pam Batten OAM (ex-State president), Shelley Payne MLC, Vin Fordham Lamont (Shire CEO), Karen Harrington (Shire Deputy President) and Eloisa Goss (Darkan CWA President) to the event. Members from the Wagin and Jandakot CWA branches were also in attendance.

In conjunction with the CWA exhibition and as part of the National Trust Heritage Festival, the Shire also hosted an event featuring Barry Strickland, who talked about the historical books donated to the library. Many of these books, with some over 100 years old, will be useful for historical research. Twenty-five people attended the event, and the books have since been used by people from out of town for research purposes.



On June 18, 2024, a smoking and flag-raising ceremony was held with local Indigenous elder Wayne Coles. Darkan Primary School and community members attended as the Indigenous flag was raised for the first time at the Shire’s administration centre. Wayne played the didgeridoo and acknowledged the country before student leaders passed the flag through the smoke. The flag was then raised.

Australia Day was again held at Lake Towerrinning, and the annual Citizen of the Year Awards were combined with a Thank a Volunteer Day event to recognise local Bush Fire Brigade members. Service medals were presented, and a long-serving member was specially recognised.

Anzac Day services were held at Lake Towerrinning and the war memorial. The mid-morning service included the anthems of Australia and New Zealand, with a haka performed by members of the local Māori community. At the end of the service, an RAAF plane flew by.



## Local Economy – Stable and Sustainable Agricultural Industry and a Dynamic and Growing Business Sector

### Key Performance Measures

- Our population remains stable or increases
- There is an increase in development approvals
- Visitor numbers increase
- There is no loss of businesses in our towns and new businesses are added to our main street
- There is interest from the local farming community in implementing diversification in agriculture

### ***Outcome 2.1 – Improved employment through diversification in Agriculture***

### Strategies and Plans

- Investigate opportunities for diversification within the agricultural sector
- Investigate water security and development opportunities associated with water sources
- Liaise with key stakeholders to continue to support agriculture in the Shire

The Shire continues to partner with the Blackwood Basin Group (BBG) to deliver land care services in the Shire. The Shire’s Landcare officer successfully received \$23,000 to develop a Biodiversity Strategy that develops a local biodiversity conservation priority map and action plan for the Shire. Several community engagement sessions have already been held, and the final plan will be developed in December 2024 for endorsement by council February 2025.

Grants and training opportunities aimed at primary producers were communicated throughout the year via social media and email.

Proposed wind farm developments offer a new opportunity for economic diversification but are not without challenges. The State government announcement of the closure of the State-owned Collie power station by 2030 has resulted in a flurry of interest from Wind Farm proponents in developments within the Shire of West Arthur. The interest in this shire is related to the proximity to the existing powerlines and the power infrastructure in Collie, cleared farmland on which turbines could be hosted and winds that vary from those in other parts of the State.

After the Shire became aware of the interest from developers, it hosted a wind farm forum in April 2023 that included presenters from Synergy, Western Power, and wind farm proponents. In addition, various experts in different fields, such as contract negotiations, land values, noise, and social impacts, were also presented to the community. The forum aimed to provide the community with some information and contacts so that negotiations could be undertaken in an informed manner. Approximately 150 people from both the Shire and other areas attended the forum.

Since the forum, the Shire has regularly engaged with the various proponents to determine the issues and opportunities that these developments propose. In addition, the Shire has been advocating to the State Government for assistance with the transition to renewables.

A draft Local Planning Policy for wind farms was prepared and advertised for public comment. Numerous comments were received, and it was decided to redraft the policy. A revised policy will be advertised in the upcoming financial year.

### ***Outcome 2.2 – A growing, diverse business community***

Strategies and Plans

- Investigate tourism opportunities and support this growing sector
- Maintain and enhance our existing assets to encourage visitation
- Promote the light industrial area for the use of new businesses
- Advocate for improved communication facilities
- Promote the Shire to people outside the area as a fantastic place to live, work and visit
- Investigate opportunities for growth within the local community

Housing continues to be an issue for the Shire of West Arthur, as it is for many other Wheatbelt Shires. The Shire has liaised with the Wheatbelt Development Commission and several other Wheatbelt shires to prepare a business case in 2023. This document was then used to undertake some initial planning concepts for the subdivision of 22 Burrowes Street West (lot opposite the swimming pool).

As a result of the above work, the Shire was in a position that enabled it to submit a combined grant application for \$159,765 for the planning works associated with the subdivision of 22 Burrowes Street and \$17,000 for planning associated with the old Bowling Green Site (Lot 186 Burrowes Street). The Shire was advised that we successfully received this funding in July 2024, and this work will be undertaken in the 2024/25 financial year.

### ***Outcome 2.3 – Existing businesses develop and grow***

Strategies and Plans

- Communicate opportunities with existing businesses to support their changing requirements
- Encourage main street businesses to meet on a regular basis and discuss issues
- Ensure that services and products are sourced locally wherever possible

In the 2023/24 financial year, the Shire allocated \$10,000 to fund the development of local small businesses.

The aim of the program is to:

- Assist new businesses with the early stages of business development (including the development of business plans, strategic plans, etc).
- Assist existing businesses with expanding their existing business to increase employment opportunities within the Shire.

Three businesses were successful in receiving funds:

- The Darkan Hotel for website design (\$2,656)
- The Valley of Plenty for shop signage (\$3,344)
- Alysia Kepert for a basic business feasibility study (\$4,000)

The Shire successfully received \$83,000 from the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal's Helping Regional Communities Prepare for Drought – Community Impact Program to assist the community with challenges associated with potential drought years. In our community, we aimed to encourage economic diversification and activate our main street. In 2023-2024, we ran a sundowner for local main street businesses, an Ideation session and a Business Bootcamp. We prepared to open a pop-up shop in the Station building to activate an empty space.

Finally, we combined \$6370 of the funds with \$10,000 from the Rural Aid Community Builders Program and \$1,600 from CBH to produce some bright panels that have been installed in the railway reserve to encourage foot traffic from Coalfields Hwy to Burrowes Street shopping precinct. The footpaths through these signs will be upgraded as part of the Phase 4 LRCI funding.

Further projects will be implemented in the 2024/25 financial year.



## Natural Environment – Our Natural Assets are Valued and meet the needs of the Community

### Key Performance Measures

- Our natural assets continue to be used by locals and visitors
- The community is satisfied with the waste management service provided
- Our community has a defined water supply heading into the future

### ***Outcome 3.1 – Maintain and improve our key natural assets***

#### Strategies and Plans

- Maintain Lake Towerrinning as our premier, iconic natural asset
- Maintain and develop our trails for use by locals and visitors (Collie-Darkan Rail Trail, Nangip Creek Walk, Hillman Walk Trail, Duranillin to Bowelling Rail Trail)
- Protect our night skies to ensure that they retain their dark sky rating
- Protect and improve additional natural assets

Lake Towerrinning is the key natural asset within the Shire, drawing hundreds of visitors each year. The Shire continues to work with the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation, and Attractions (DBCA) on the management of the lake.

The Shire discussed with landowners the possibility of an easement over the drainage channel from the Re-diversion dam to Lake Towerrinning. A draft agreement was prepared and presented to the landowners. The easement now needs to be surveyed.

Membership to Astrotourism WA's Astro Towns was continued.

The Shire received grant funding to undertake the initial planning studies for the development of the Hillman Walk Trail. The Shire matched the grant funding of \$6,750 to undertake desktop Environmental and Aboriginal Heritage studies. Following these studies and as per the recommendation of the Aboriginal heritage study, an on-ground Aboriginal heritage survey of the proposed Hillman Access track was undertaken (\$23,701). The final report indicated that a full survey of the entire reserve is required before progressing the project. The Shire has applied to the State Heritage Survey Program to have this area surveyed.

### ***Outcome 3.2 – Our water resources are well-defined and used sustainably***

#### Strategies and Plans

- Develop a whole of Shire Water Strategy to better manage our water resources and target development of supplies
- Invest in water security and manage existing water resources in a sustainable manner
- Encourage development of private water supplies

The Shire liaised with the Department of Water and Environmental Protection over the 2023-24 years to install some water infrastructure to continue to secure a water supply for the Darkan townsite. DWER installed tanks at the Darkan and Districts Sports complex and the Shire Depot, and an evaporative cover was installed at the town dam. The Shire will continue investigating options for supplying water during dry conditions, including bores at Hillman and Cordering and upgrading infrastructure at the town dam.

The Department of Water and Environmental Regulation developed a Non-Potable Strategic Community Water Supplies Plan for the Shire in March 2024.

Council adopted LP4 – Wellington Catchment in September 2023.

***Outcome 3.3 – Our natural biodiversity is maintained and valued***

Strategies and Plans

- Blackwood Biodiversity Group is supported to manage pests in the Shire
- Weeds are managed or eliminated in areas of high biodiversity
- Protection of our unique flora and fauna
- Consideration of biodiversity in all land use applications and developments

The Shire continues to partner with Blackwood Basin Group (BBG) for the delivery of land care services. Surveying the flora and fauna of several nature reserves in the Shire has been carried out, along with developing a Weed Management Plan. The Plan was released in early 2024.

The Shire’s Parks and Gardens crew continues to manage weeds throughout the Shire, focusing on Lake Towerrinning, local parks, and road verges.

The Planning applications approved during 2023/2024 all considered environmental and biodiversity issues as part of the approval process.

Council amended W4 – Wildflower, Leaves and Branches, and Seed Harvesting from Reserves Policy in February 2024 to include non-commercial pickers.

***Outcome 3.4 – Waste is minimised, and environmentally sustainable practices are employed***

Strategies and Plans

- Provide an effective waste management service
- Promote environmentally sustainable principles

The Shire maintains two refuse sites, Darkan and Duranillin. DrumMuster, refuse and recycling collection services are provided.

There is a small recycling site next to the Shire Depot yard where residents can recycle items, including waste oil. This area was expanded to include e-waste, ready for the implementation of the new e-waste laws that commenced on July 1, 2024.

Built Environment – well maintained roads and infrastructure which reflects our identity

Key Performance Measures

- Our community is proud of the look and feel of our towns and district
- Our roads and infrastructure meet the needs and expectations of the local community
- Our heritage buildings are well maintained and where possible have a continued use

***Outcome 4.1 – Our road network is well maintained***



Strategies and Plans

- Regularly review and update our long term road construction and maintenance program
- Collaborate with surrounding Shires and State government to ensure sound planning and resource utilisation
- Enhance road safety strategies for road users

The Shire continues to maintain the road network. Improved grading assists in reducing the impact of rain events. Changes to the structure and number of crew members are also helping achieve higher standards in road maintenance, culvert clearing, pothole patching, and bridge maintenance. Smaller work jobs previously done using contractors are now being undertaken in-house, with only the larger jobs going out to contract.

The federal government has allocated the Shire \$366,694 for community projects (Part A) and \$211,517 for roads and footpaths (Part B) in Phase 4 of the LRCl program.

Project	Description of Works	Co-Funding	Total Cost
Beaufort Road	Clear drains & re-sheet	RRG	\$74,902
Boyup Brook Arthur River Rd	Gravel top-up & seal drainage	RRG	\$406,062
Clarke Road	Gravel re-sheeting	LRCI4	\$153,329
Cordering North Road	Construct & seal, gravel re-sheet	RTR	\$245,998
Darkan South Road	New white line marking	LRCI4	\$43,500
Darkan Williams Road	Clear drains	RRG	\$147,930
Glenorchy Bridge	Bridgeworks	LRCI4	\$49,059

Plant replacement in 2023/24 included the following:

- Kubota Skid Steer
- Rotary Axe Slasher
- Manager of Works ute
- Workshop mobile column hoist
- Workshop scan tools
- Oil reels, pumps, and bulk waste oil
- Depot oil storage
- Fast Fill Trailers x 3 for Bush Fire Brigades

**Outcome 4.2 – Our built infrastructure is well maintained, attractive and inviting**

Strategies and Plans

- Our parks and gardens are well maintained and attractive
- Community facilities are continually reviewed and upgraded as required through asset maintenance plans
- Our townscapes are attractive and well developed with consideration for current and future usage

The Shire recognises the work of the Parks and Gardens crew in maintaining the facilities' attractiveness. Many compliments from the public, including visitors, show their hard work is appreciated.



Phase 4 of the LRCI program has been allocated to the Shire by the Federal Government. This round has funds of \$366,694 allocated for community projects:

- Installation of a young children’s playground and soft fall in the railway reserve (\$140,000)
- Installation of CCTV around Darkan (\$78,647)
- Footpath replacement through the railway reserve (\$39,988)
- Construction of a kiosk at the Darkan Swimming pool (\$30,000)

**Outcome 4.3 – Our cultural heritage is preserved and promoted**

Strategies and Plans

- Maintain the integrity of our heritage buildings
- Investigate opportunities to develop our historical assets
- Planning and development take into consideration heritage values

Historical buildings provide tourism opportunities and establish the district's historical context. The Shire maintains heritage buildings within its care.

**Outcome 4.4 – Appropriate planning and development**

Strategies and Plans

- Implement the town planning scheme and policies to ensure any planning and development is appropriate through the Shire

Council has a contracted Planning Officer, who assesses all planning and development applications and makes recommendations to Council.



**Outcome 5.1 – Councillors represent the community and are well-trained**

Strategies and Plans

- The Shire Council is representative of the community and collaborates with Shire staff to ensure the best outcomes for the community
- Elected Members have the training and skills relevant to serving as Councillors in order to act in the best interest of the Shire
- Council process is open and transparent to the general community

All Councillors undergo regular training with the WA Local Government Association (WALGA), covering topics such as serving on local government, understanding local government, meeting procedures, conflicts of interest, and understanding financial reports and budgets. Councillors are regularly updated about ongoing issues at closed briefing sessions held prior to Council meetings, which are open to the public.

**Outcome 5.2 – Shire staff are well-trained, motivated and customer focused**

Strategies and Plans

- Ensure that staff have opportunities to continue professional development when available
- Provide flexible working arrangements where possible in order to attract the best quality staff
- Continuously strive to be customer focused and serve Council and the community

Staff continue to attend training face-to-face, via webinar, or through online recordings. This assists them in providing high-quality services to customers. Office staff attended licencing training this year as an example of completed courses.

Office staff have flexibility in their working arrangements, with some team members job sharing and others working from home. Communication via email, Teams, and phone enables staff to ensure that customer service is of the utmost importance and delivered appropriately.

### **Outcome 5.3 – Establish and maintain sound business and governance structures**

#### Strategies and Plans

- Ensure that the local community is provided with value for money through the prudent expenditure of rates
- Provide informed decision making based on our strategic directions and legal requirements and that these are open, transparent and adequately communicated with the community
- Comply with regulations and best practice standards to drive good decision making by Council and staff

The Community Strategic Plan and the Corporate Business Plan guide the Shire’s day-to-day operations. Budget preparation commenced in March 2023. The budget for 2023/2024 was adopted by Council in August 2023. The leadership team undertakes these processes on an annual basis.

In June 2024, The Shire of West Arthur launched a new digital platform, MAGIQ ERP and MAGIQ Performance, to streamline our internal processes, enhance reporting, and improve service delivery to the community.

#### **Key Benefits of the New System**

- **Efficiency and Productivity:** With automated workflows and integrated processes, our teams can complete tasks faster and with fewer errors, allowing more time to focus on valuable community services.
- **Better Reporting and Decision-Making:** MAGIQ Performance provides real-time data, helping us track budgets, monitor key performance indicators, and make informed, timely decisions.
- **Increased Transparency:** The system supports accurate and accessible reporting, reinforcing our commitment to transparency and accountability in serving residents.

#### **Project Phases**

The transition involved careful planning, data migration, and staff training, followed by rigorous testing before the system went live. This phased approach ensured a smooth changeover and minimised disruptions.

#### **Looking Ahead**

In the future, we’ll explore new ways the system can support efficient, data-driven decisions and further improve the Shire’s operations and community services.

The Shire is proud of this important step towards modernising its services and looks forward to continued benefits for our community.

In November 2023, the Shire of West Arthur implemented Monarch, a new Electronic Document and Records Management System (EDRMS), to organise and secure our records, making it easier for staff to access and manage important information.

#### **Key Benefits**

- **Efficient Document Access:** Monarch centralises all Shire records, allowing staff to quickly find and retrieve documents, which saves time and boosts productivity.

- **Stronger Security and Compliance:** The system’s security features protect sensitive information and help ensure we meet regulatory requirements by attaching the required metadata to the records.
- **Enhanced Workflow and Collaboration:** With easier access to documents, teams can work more efficiently and collaborate better on shared tasks.

### **Implementation Highlights**

The rollout involved careful planning, migrating existing documents, training staff, and testing the system to ensure a smooth transition.

### **Looking Ahead**

The Shire will continue to explore more ways to use Monarch to support our goal of transparent and efficient operations, which will benefit both staff and the community.

Monarch is a vital upgrade in our commitment to secure and accessible information management, helping us deliver excellent service to the Shire.

The old swimming pool changeroom building was repurposed and relocated and is now the Shire's Archive Building.



**Outcome 5.4 – Actively engage with community, business and other stakeholders to grow and develop the community**

Strategies and Plans

- Continue to collaborate with other regional Shires to achieve maximum benefits for the region
- Council will advocate on behalf of the community on issues that the community identifies as important
- Continued improvement in communication with the community through various platforms that ensure all members of the community have access to information
- Continuously review and revise the Community Plan to reflect the changing needs of the community

Again, this year’s electors meeting was well attended by the public, who showed keen interest in seeing that Council delivered an accountable service. The public is welcome to attend Council meetings anytime throughout the year. Councillors and staff represent the Shire on various committees and regularly meet with these committees to provide a conduit of information and support the community.

Shire staff and councillors' attendance at 4WDL Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils, Regional Road Group, and the Central Zone of WALGA ensures that the Shire is well represented regionally, remains up to date with current issues, and can advocate about those areas that impact the Shire.

The Shire continues to engage with the public through Council meetings, our website, and our Facebook pages. In addition, a fortnightly shire report is provided to the Bleat community newsletter for inclusion in the publication.



## Statutory Reporting Requirements

### Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP)

The DAIP Progress Report for 2022/2023 contained key highlights such as:

- Creation of an Accessible Events Checklist
- Accessible BBQ / Shade Shelter in the Railway Reserve
- Accessible boardwalk at Lake Towerrinning
- Online Disability Awareness Training
- Community Consultation
- Employee Engagement Survey

These highlights reflect some of the specific outcomes identified in the Shire's 2021/22 DAIP, including:

- Access to the beach area at Lake Towerrinning and better access to the BBQ area
- All access toilet at the swimming pool (project to be completed in 2023/2024)
- Review of ACROD parking

### Complaints Register

Section 5.121 of the Local Government Act 1995 requires the Annual Report to contain details of the entries made in the Complaints Register regarding complaints about elected members. There were no complaints that were referred to the Local Government Standards Panel.

### State Records Act

The State Records Act 2000 requires that the Shire maintain and dispose of all records in the prescribed manner. The Act also requires all local authorities to produce a Record Keeping Plan to be endorsed by the State Records Commission.

A Record-Keeping Plan was submitted in May 2023 and endorsed in November 2023. The Shire is progressing with some of the recommended improvements mentioned in the Plan, which will be completed throughout the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

### Public Interest Disclosure

In accordance with legislation, procedures have been implemented to facilitate reporting and action on public interest disclosures. No public interest disclosures were lodged during the 2023/2024 reporting period.

### Freedom of Information Statement

In complying with the Freedom of Information Act 1992, the Shire of West Arthur is required to prepare and publish an information statement. The Shire's Information Statement was updated in June 2024, and a copy is available from the Shire Office and on the Shire website at the following link: <https://www.westarthur.wa.gov.au/documents/826/freedom-of-information-statement-2024>

The information statement contains information on the type of documents available to the public and how to access those documents. During the 2023/2024 year, the Shire had one Freedom of Information request.

## Employee Remuneration

Set out below in bands of \$10,000 is the number of employees of the Shire entitled to an annual salary of \$130,000 or more (regulation 19B(2)(a) and (b) Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996).

Salary Range	2022/23
\$130,001 - \$140,000	0
\$140,001 - \$150,000	0
\$150,000 - \$160,000	1

## Remuneration Provided to the CEO

The total remuneration provided to the CEO during the financial year 2023/2024 pursuant to regulation 19B(2)(e) Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, including all benefits such as housing, vehicle provision and superannuation, was \$211,328 (IAW SAT BAND 4).

## Elected Member Demographics

Elected member demographics of those elected in 2023 are detailed below (regulation 19B(2)(h) Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996).

Gender	5 Males 2 Females
Linguistic Background	7 English
Country of Birth	7 Australian
Elected Members aged between 18-24 years old	Nil
Elected Members aged between 25-34 years old	Nil
Elected Members aged between 35-44 years old	Nil
Elected Members aged between 45-54 years old	2
Elected Members aged between 55-64 years old	5
Elected Members aged 65 and over	Nil
Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Elected Members	Nil

Table 1: Council Structure

## Meeting Attendances

The Council of the Shire of West Arthur meets monthly for information sessions and workshops on a variety of topics. In the fourth week of the month, Council convenes an Ordinary Council Meeting, where decisions are made on all report items in the best interest of the community (regulation 19B(2)(f) Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996).

Below is a table outlining individual Elected Members’s attendance, for the financial year, on various Council Committees as a member in their capacity as an Elected Member.

	ORDINARY MEETINGS	ANNUAL ELECTORS	SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL	AUDIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE	LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE	BUSHFIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
<b>No of meetings held</b>	11	1	1	3	2	2
<b>ELECTED MEMBER</b>						
Cr Neil Morrell	11	1	1	3	2	2
Cr Graeme Peirce	11	1	1			
Cr Neil Manuel	7					
Cr Adam Squires	7	1	1			
Cr Karen Harrington	11	1	1	3		
Cr Robyn Lubcke	11	1	1			
Cr Duncan South	8	1				2
Cr Lucy Hall	2	1		1		

Table 2: Meeting Attendances

### Audit and Risk Committee

The Audit Committee met three times during the 2023/24 year. It consists of three Councillors, with Cr Karen Harrington as the Presiding Member and Cr Neil Morrell as the Deputy Presiding Member. The committee is assisted by the Chief Executive Officer, the Manager of Corporate Services, and the Manager of Financial Reporting.

Their duties include accepting the audited Annual Financial Statements and Audit Reports, adopting the Compliance Audit Returns, and adopting the Half-Yearly Budget Reviews.

### Employee Demographics

During the 2023/2024 year, the Shire of West Arthur employed 37 staff.

Full-Time: 22

Part-Time: 10

Casual: 5

Males: 20

Females: 17



## The Year Ahead 2024/2025

The year ahead looks exciting as the LRCI Phase 4 projects, along with Regional Road Group, Roads to Recovering funding, and other capital works, are completed.

- Burrowes St subdivision
- CEO house
- Headworks at Growden Place
- Bridgeworks
- Asphalt overlay
- Footpaths
- Replacement plant

The Shire has budgeted \$1.161 million on plant and equipment replacement, including an excavator, 3T tipper, 6-wheeler 3-way tipper, replacement staff vehicles, fuel trailers, and a portable traffic light trailer.

Shire is working on a new agreement with the Department of Education for Darkan Swimming Pool. As part of the new agreement, Shire is transitioning away from the keyholder system and will be contracting out the pool's management.

The Shire will continue to work with the 4WDL group to advocate for more rural and regional housing. The compilation of a key worker accommodation report outlining the gaps in accommodation in our area will be prepared to highlight the issue to State and Federal governments.

The Shire will continue to support local businesses, look for opportunities to diversify our economy, and assist new businesses in establishing themselves in the shire.

The Community Builder program will receive support to bring the community together and assist it with its development.

Major road works in the next financial year will include:

- Regional Road Group - \$485,400
  - Bowelling Duranillin Rd - reseal
  - Boyup Brook Arthur Road – gravel top up, sealing and drainage works
  - Darkan Williams Road - drainage works and vegetation removal
- Roads to Recovery - \$320,264
  - Bowelling McAlinden Rd – gravel re-sheeting
  - Boyup Brook Arthur Rd – line marking
  - Bunce King Rd Bridge – corbel replacement and repair
  - Cordering North Road – construct and seal, and gravel re-sheeting
- LRCI - \$196,829
  - Clarke Road – gravel re-sheeting
  - Darkan South Road – centre line markings

The next year promises to be busy, with many new and exciting developments around the Shire. We look forward to continuing to make the Shire of West Arthur a great place to work, live, and play.

# Annual Financial Report

**SHIRE OF WEST ARTHUR  
FINANCIAL REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

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Principal place of business:  
31 Burrowes Street  
Darkan WA 6392



## Statement by Chief Executive Officer

**SHIRE OF WEST ARTHUR  
FINANCIAL REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

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

**STATEMENT BY CEO**

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

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

Signed on the 4th day of December 2024



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Vin Fordham Lamont  
Chief Executive Officer



## Statement of Comprehensive Income

### SHIRE OF WEST ARTHUR STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

	NOTE	2024 Actual \$	2024 Budget \$	2023 Actual \$
<b>Revenue</b>				
Rates	2(a),25	1,997,367	1,998,156	1,887,578
Grants, subsidies and contributions	2(a)	1,677,502	417,215	2,003,251
Fees and charges	2(a)	338,260	336,840	308,302
Interest revenue	2(a)	204,389	201,900	155,727
Other revenue	2(a)	178,624	109,470	124,801
		<b>4,396,142</b>	<b>3,063,581</b>	<b>4,479,659</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Employee costs	2(b)	(2,254,867)	(2,169,272)	(1,863,920)
Materials and contracts		(1,489,371)	(1,416,780)	(1,102,930)
Utility charges		(139,983)	(118,152)	(109,655)
Depreciation		(3,586,841)	(2,269,487)	(3,077,886)
Finance costs		(29,287)	(27,016)	(26,499)
Insurance		(122,840)	(130,039)	(116,509)
Other expenditure	2(b)	(102,776)	(65,800)	(43,631)
		<b>(7,725,965)</b>	<b>(6,196,546)</b>	<b>(6,341,030)</b>
		<b>(3,329,823)</b>	<b>(3,132,965)</b>	<b>(1,861,371)</b>
Capital grants, subsidies and contributions	2(a)	940,646	1,310,628	1,257,166
Profit on asset disposals		222,863	11,124	81,548
Loss on asset disposals		(51,234)	(5,034)	0
Fair value adjustments to financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	4(b)	1,262	0	2,764
		<b>1,113,537</b>	<b>1,316,718</b>	<b>1,341,478</b>
<b>Net result for the period</b>		<b>(2,216,286)</b>	<b>(1,816,247)</b>	<b>(519,893)</b>
<b>Other comprehensive income for the period</b>				
<i>Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss</i>				
Changes in asset revaluation surplus	17	0	0	10,023,205
<b>Total other comprehensive income for the period</b>	17	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10,023,205</b>
<b>Total comprehensive income for the period</b>		<b>(2,216,286)</b>	<b>(1,816,247)</b>	<b>9,503,312</b>

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



## Statement of Financial Position

### SHIRE OF WEST ARTHUR STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2024

	NOTE	2024	2023
		\$	\$
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	4,451,619	4,257,269
Trade and other receivables	5	223,764	296,858
Other financial assets	4(a)	31,016	30,007
Inventories	6	100,973	84,985
Other assets	7	91,157	61,689
Assets classified as held for sale	7	65,107	65,107
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>4,963,636</b>	<b>4,795,915</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Other financial assets	4(b)	310,730	340,484
Property, plant and equipment	8	19,606,482	19,680,290
Infrastructure	9	113,547,031	115,289,607
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>133,464,243</b>	<b>135,310,381</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>138,427,879</b>	<b>140,106,296</b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Trade and other payables	12	402,794	235,168
Other liabilities	13	208,199	7,336
Borrowings	14	137,156	125,119
Employee related provisions	15	365,491	310,426
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>1,113,640</b>	<b>678,049</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Borrowings	14	574,337	561,137
Employee related provisions	15	45,695	11,941
Other provisions	16	55,324	0
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>675,356</b>	<b>573,078</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>1,788,996</b>	<b>1,251,127</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>136,638,883</b>	<b>138,855,169</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Retained surplus		8,210,373	10,500,426
Reserve accounts	28	2,828,645	2,754,878
Revaluation surplus	17	125,599,865	125,599,865
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<b>136,638,883</b>	<b>138,855,169</b>

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## Statement of Changes in Equity

### SHIRE OF WEST ARTHUR STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

	NOTE	RETAINED SURPLUS \$	RESERVE ACCOUNTS \$	REVALUATION SURPLUS \$	TOTAL EQUITY \$
<b>Balance as at 1 July 2022</b>		<b>10,941,177</b>	<b>2,834,020</b>	<b>115,576,660</b>	<b>129,351,857</b>
Comprehensive income for the period					
Net result for the period		(519,893)	0	0	(519,893)
Other comprehensive income for the period	17	0	0	10,023,205	10,023,205
Total comprehensive income for the period		(519,893)	0	10,023,205	9,503,312
Transfers from reserve accounts	28	574,523	(574,523)	0	0
Transfers to reserve accounts	28	(495,381)	495,381	0	0
<b>Balance as at 30 June 2023</b>		<b>10,500,426</b>	<b>2,754,878</b>	<b>125,599,865</b>	<b>138,855,169</b>
Comprehensive income for the period					
Net result for the period		(2,216,286)	0	0	(2,216,286)
Total comprehensive income for the period		(2,216,286)	0	0	(2,216,286)
Transfers from reserve accounts	28	855,747	(855,747)	0	0
Transfers to reserve accounts	28	(929,514)	929,514	0	0
<b>Balance as at 30 June 2024</b>		<b>8,210,373</b>	<b>2,828,645</b>	<b>125,599,865</b>	<b>136,638,883</b>

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## Statement of Cash Flows

**SHIRE OF WEST ARTHUR  
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

NOTE	2024 Actual \$	2023 Actual \$
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
<b>Receipts</b>		
Rates	1,967,200	1,852,136
Grants, subsidies and contributions	1,755,720	2,039,860
Fees and charges	402,130	308,302
Interest revenue	204,389	155,727
Goods and services tax received	243,117	249,203
Other revenue	178,624	127,565
	<u>4,751,180</u>	<u>4,732,793</u>
<b>Payments</b>		
Employee costs	(2,112,966)	(1,835,017)
Materials and contracts	(1,416,197)	(1,116,712)
Utility charges	(139,983)	(109,655)
Finance costs	(29,287)	(26,499)
Insurance paid	(122,840)	(116,509)
Goods and services tax paid	(223,778)	(273,132)
Other expenditure	(102,776)	(43,631)
	<u>(4,147,827)</u>	<u>(3,521,155)</u>
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<b>603,353</b>	<b>1,211,638</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Payments for purchase of property, plant & equipment	8(a) (876,040)	(803,050)
Payments for construction of infrastructure	9(a) (1,174,993)	(1,958,036)
Capital grants, subsidies and contributions	1,134,581	744,969
Proceeds from financial assets at amortised cost - self supporting loans	30,007	29,032
Proceeds from financial assets at fair values through profit and loss	0	(2,764)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant & equipment	452,205	195,000
<b>Net cash (used in) investing activities</b>	<b>(434,240)</b>	<b>(1,794,849)</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Repayment of borrowings	27(a) (124,763)	(107,070)
Proceeds from new borrowings	27(a) 150,000	270,000
<b>Net cash provided by financing activities</b>	<b>25,237</b>	<b>162,930</b>
<b>Net increase (decrease) in cash held</b>	<b>194,350</b>	<b>(420,281)</b>
Cash at beginning of year	4,257,269	4,677,550
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>	<b>4,451,619</b>	<b>4,257,269</b>

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



## Statement of Financial Activity

### SHIRE OF WEST ARTHUR STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

NOTE	2024 Actual \$	2024 Budget \$	2023 Actual \$	
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>				
<b>Revenue from operating activities</b>				
General rates	25	1,993,437	1,998,156	1,795,847
Rates excluding general rates	25	3,930	0	91,731
Grants, subsidies and contributions		1,677,502	417,215	2,003,251
Fees and charges		338,260	336,840	308,302
Interest revenue		204,389	201,900	155,727
Other revenue		178,624	109,470	124,801
Profit on asset disposals		222,863	11,124	81,548
Fair value adjustments to financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	4(b)	1,262	0	2,764
		<u>4,620,267</u>	<u>3,074,705</u>	<u>4,563,971</u>
<b>Expenditure from operating activities</b>				
Employee costs		(2,254,867)	(2,169,272)	(1,863,920)
Materials and contracts		(1,489,371)	(1,416,780)	(1,102,930)
Utility charges		(139,983)	(118,152)	(109,655)
Depreciation		(3,586,841)	(2,269,487)	(3,077,886)
Finance costs		(29,287)	(27,016)	(26,499)
Insurance		(122,840)	(130,039)	(116,509)
Other expenditure		(102,776)	(65,800)	(43,631)
Loss on asset disposals		(51,234)	(5,034)	0
		<u>(7,777,199)</u>	<u>(6,201,580)</u>	<u>(6,341,030)</u>
Non cash amounts excluded from operating activities	26(a)	3,436,697	2,263,397	3,087,582
<b>Amount attributable to operating activities</b>		<u>279,765</u>	<u>(863,478)</u>	<u>1,310,523</u>
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>				
<b>Inflows from investing activities</b>				
Capital grants, subsidies and contributions		940,646	1,310,628	1,257,166
Proceeds from disposal of assets		452,205	125,000	195,000
Proceeds from financial assets at amortised cost - self supporting loans	27(a)	30,007	30,007	29,032
		<u>1,422,858</u>	<u>1,465,635</u>	<u>1,481,198</u>
<b>Outflows from investing activities</b>				
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	8(a)	(876,040)	(1,419,371)	(803,050)
Purchase and construction of infrastructure	9(a)	(1,174,993)	(1,564,245)	(1,958,036)
		<u>(2,051,033)</u>	<u>(2,983,616)</u>	<u>(2,761,086)</u>
Non-cash amounts excluded from investing activities	26(b)	55,324	0	0
<b>Amount attributable to investing activities</b>		<u>(572,851)</u>	<u>(1,517,981)</u>	<u>(1,279,888)</u>
<b>FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>				
<b>Inflows from financing activities</b>				
Proceeds from borrowings	27(a)	150,000	150,000	270,000
Transfers from reserve accounts	28	855,747	1,146,546	574,523
		<u>1,005,747</u>	<u>1,296,546</u>	<u>844,523</u>
<b>Outflows from financing activities</b>				
Repayment of borrowings	27(a)	(124,763)	(125,119)	(107,070)
Transfers to reserve accounts	28	(929,514)	(478,654)	(495,381)
		<u>(1,054,277)</u>	<u>(603,773)</u>	<u>(602,451)</u>
<b>Amount attributable to financing activities</b>		<u>(48,530)</u>	<u>692,773</u>	<u>242,072</u>
<b>MOVEMENT IN SURPLUS OR DEFICIT</b>				
Surplus or deficit at the start of the financial year	26(c)	1,753,939	1,688,686	1,481,232
Amount attributable to operating activities		279,765	(863,478)	1,310,523
Amount attributable to investing activities		(572,851)	(1,517,981)	(1,279,888)
Amount attributable to financing activities		(48,530)	692,773	242,072
<b>Surplus or deficit after imposition of general rates</b>	26(c)	<u>1,412,323</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,753,939</u>

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





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1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The financial report of the Shire of West Arthur which is a Class 4 local government comprises general purpose financial statements which have been prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1995* and accompanying regulations.

**Local Government Act 1995 requirements**

Section 6.4(2) of the *Local Government Act 1995* read with the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* prescribe that the financial report be prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1995* and, to the extent that they are not inconsistent with the *Local Government Act 1995*, the Australian Accounting Standards. The Australian Accounting Standards (as they apply to local governments and not-for-profit entities) and Interpretations of the Australian Accounting Standards Board were applied except for disclosure requirements of:

- AASB 7 Financial Instruments Disclosures
- AASB 16 Leases paragraph 58
- AASB 101 Presentation of Financial Statements paragraph 61
- AASB 107 Statement of Cash Flows paragraphs 43 and 45
- AASB 116 Property, Plant and Equipment paragraph 79
- AASB 137 Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets paragraph 85
- AASB 140 Investment Property paragraph 75(f)
- AASB 1052 Disaggregated Disclosures paragraph 11
- AASB 1054 Australian Additional Disclosures paragraph 16

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

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

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

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

**Critical accounting estimates and judgements**

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

The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances; the results of which form the basis of making the judgements about carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these

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

The following are estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year and further information on their nature and impact can be found in the relevant note:

- Fair value measurement of assets carried at reportable value including:
  - Property, plant and equipment - note 8
  - Infrastructure - note 9
- Assets held for sale - note 7
- Measurement of employee benefits - note 15
- Measurement of provisions - note 16

Fair value hierarchy information can be found in note 24

**The local government reporting entity**

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

All monies held in the Trust Fund are excluded from the financial statements. A separate statement of those monies appears at Note 29 of the financial report.

**Initial application of accounting standards**

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

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

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

**New accounting standards for application in future years**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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2. REVENUE AND EXPENSES

(a) Revenue

**Contracts with customers**

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

Revenue Category	Nature of goods and services	When obligations typically satisfied	Payment terms	Returns/Refunds/Warranties	Timing of revenue recognition
Grants, subsidies and contributions	Community events, minor facilities, research, design, planning evaluation and services	Over time	Fixed terms transfer of funds based on agreed milestones and reporting	Contract obligation if project not complete	Output method based on project milestones and/or completion date matched to performance obligations
Grants, subsidies or contributions for the construction of non-financial assets	Construction or acquisition of recognisable non-financial assets to be controlled by the local government	Over time	Fixed terms transfer of funds based on agreed milestones and reporting	Contract obligation if project not complete	Output method based on project milestones and/or completion date matched to performance obligations as inputs are shared
Fees and charges - licences, registrations, approvals	Building, planning, development and animal management.	Single point in time	Full payment prior to issue	None	On payment of the licence, registration or approval
Waste management collections	Kerbside collection service	Over time	Payment on an annual basis in advance	None	Output method based on regular weekly and fortnightly period as proportionate to collection service
Fees and charges for other goods and services	Cemetery services, reinstatements and private works	Single point in time	Payment in full in advance	None	Output method based on provision of service or completion of works

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

**Revenue Recognition**

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

**For the year ended 30 June 2024**

Nature	Contracts with customers	Capital grant/contributions	Statutory Requirements	Other	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Rates	0	0	1,997,367	0	1,997,367
Grants, subsidies and contributions	163,774	0	0	1,513,728	1,677,502
Fees and charges	327,218	0	11,042	0	338,260
Interest revenue	0	0	21,327	183,062	204,389
Other revenue	36,026	0	0	142,598	178,624
Capital grants, subsidies and contributions	0	940,646	0	0	940,646
<b>Total</b>	<b>527,018</b>	<b>940,646</b>	<b>2,029,736</b>	<b>1,839,388</b>	<b>5,336,788</b>

**For the year ended 30 June 2023**

Nature	Contracts with customers	Capital grant/contributions	Statutory Requirements	Other	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Rates	0	0	1,887,431	147	1,887,578
Grants, subsidies and contributions	202,808	0	0	1,800,443	2,003,251
Fees and charges	298,432	0	9,870	0	308,302
Interest revenue	0	0	18,198	137,529	155,727
Other revenue	100,821	0	0	23,980	124,801
Capital grants, subsidies and contributions	0	1,257,166	0	0	1,257,166
<b>Total</b>	<b>602,061</b>	<b>1,257,166</b>	<b>1,915,499</b>	<b>1,962,099</b>	<b>5,736,825</b>



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2. REVENUE AND EXPENSES (Continued)

(a) Revenue (Continued)	Note	2024 Actual \$	2023 Actual \$
<b>Interest revenue</b>			
Financial assets at amortised cost - self supporting loans		9,900	10,876
Interest on reserve account		139,371	91,410
Trade and other receivables overdue interest		21,347	18,198
Other interest revenue		33,771	35,243
		204,389	155,727
<b>Fees and charges relating to rates receivable</b>			
Charges on instalment plan		1,143	724
<b>(b) Expenses</b>			
<b>Auditors remuneration</b>			
- Audit of the Annual Financial Report		28,790	30,500
- Other services – grant acquittals		4,600	1,600
		33,390	32,100
<b>Employee Costs</b>			
Employee benefit costs		2,254,867	1,863,920
		2,254,867	1,863,920
<b>Other expenditure</b>			
Sundry expenses		102,776	43,631
		102,776	43,631

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3. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Note	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Cash at bank and on hand	4,451,619	4,257,269
<b>Total cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>4,451,619</b>	<b>4,257,269</b>
Held as		
- Unrestricted cash and cash equivalents	1,414,775	1,495,055
- Restricted cash and cash equivalents	3,036,844	2,762,214
	<b>4,451,619</b>	<b>4,257,269</b>

**MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, cash at bank, deposits available on demand with banks and other short term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

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

**Restricted financial assets**

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

4. OTHER FINANCIAL ASSETS

Note	2024	2023
	\$	\$
<b>(a) Current assets</b>		
Financial assets at amortised cost	31,016	30,007
	<b>31,016</b>	<b>30,007</b>
<b>Other financial assets at amortised cost</b>		
Self supporting loans receivable	26(c) 31,016	30,007
	<b>31,016</b>	<b>30,007</b>
Held as		
- Unrestricted other financial assets at amortised cost	31,016	30,007
	<b>31,016</b>	<b>30,007</b>
<b>(b) Non-current assets</b>		
Financial assets at amortised cost	248,352	279,368
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	62,378	61,116
	<b>310,730</b>	<b>340,484</b>
<b>Financial assets at amortised cost</b>		
Self supporting loans receivable	248,352	279,368
	<b>248,352</b>	<b>279,368</b>
<b>Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss</b>		
Units in Local Government House Trust - opening balance	61,116	58,352
Movement attributable to fair value increment	1,262	2,764
Units in Local Government House Trust - closing balance	<b>62,378</b>	<b>61,116</b>

**MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Other financial assets at amortised cost**

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

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

Fair values of financial assets at amortised cost are not materially different to their carrying amounts, since the interest receivable on those assets is either close to current market rates or the assets are of a short term nature. Non-current financial assets at amortised cost fair values are based on discounted cash flows using a current market rates. They are classified as level 2 fair values in the fair value hierarchy (see Note 24 (i)) due to the observable market rates).

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

**Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss**

The Shire has elected to classify the following financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:

- debt investments which do not qualify for measurement at either amortised cost or fair value through other comprehensive income.
- equity investments which the Shire has elected to recognise as fair value gains and losses through profit or loss.



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5. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

Note	2024	2023
	\$	\$
<b>Current</b>		
Rates and statutory receivables	280,916	254,835
Trade receivables	65,946	81,912
GST receivable	24,113	43,452
Allowance for credit losses of rates and statutory receivables	(147,211)	(83,341)
	223,764	296,858

Disclosure of opening and closing balances related to contracts with customers

Information about receivables from contracts with customers along with financial assets and associated liabilities arising from transfers to enable the acquisition or construction of recognisable non financial assets is:	Note	30 June 2024	30 June 2023	1 July 2022
		Actual	Actual	Actual
		\$	\$	\$
Contract assets	7	0	61,689	63,166
Total trade and other receivables from contracts with customers		0	61,689	63,166

**MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Rates and statutory receivables**

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

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

**Trade receivables**

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

**Other receivables**

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

**Measurement**

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

**Classification and subsequent measurement**

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

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

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



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6. INVENTORIES

Note	2024	2023
	\$	\$
<b>Current</b>		
Fuel and materials	21,855	14,985
Land held for resale		
Cost of acquisition	70,000	70,000
Development costs	9,118	0
	<u>100,973</u>	<u>84,985</u>
The following movements in inventories occurred during the year:		
<b>Balance at beginning of year</b>	84,985	17,256
Inventories expensed during the year	(257,422)	(263,191)
Additions to inventory	273,410	330,920
<b>Balance at end of year</b>	<u>100,973</u>	<u>84,985</u>

**MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**General**

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

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

**Land held for resale**

Land held for development and resale is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost includes the cost of acquisition, development, borrowing costs and holding costs until completion of development.

**Land held for resale (Continued)**

Borrowing costs and holding charges incurred after development is completed are expensed.

Gains and losses are recognised in profit or loss at the time of signing an unconditional contract of sale if significant risks and rewards, and effective control over the land, are passed onto the buyer at this point.

Land held for resale is classified as current except where it is held as non-current based on the Shire's intentions to release for sale.

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**7. OTHER ASSETS**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Other assets - current</b>		
Prepayments	32,578	0
Accrued income	58,579	0
Contract assets	0	61,689
	<b>91,157</b>	<b>61,689</b>
<b>Non-current assets held for sale</b>		
Land and buildings	65,107	65,107
	<b>65,107</b>	<b>65,107</b>

**MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Other current assets**

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

**Non-current assets held for sale**

Assets are classified as held for sale where the carrying amount will be recovered through a sale rather than continuing use and the asset is available for immediate sale with a sale being highly probable.

**Contract assets**

Contract assets primarily relate to the Shire's right to consideration for work completed but not billed at the end of the period.



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8. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

(a) Movements in Balances

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

	Assets not subject to operating lease			Assets subject to operating lease			Total Property				Plant and equipment		Total property, plant and equipment	
	Land	Buildings - non-specialised	Buildings - specialised	Land	Buildings - non-specialised	Buildings - specialised	Land	Buildings - non-specialised	Buildings - specialised	Work in progress	Total Property	Furniture and equipment		Plant and equipment
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Balance at 1 July 2022</b>	730,400	10,945	10,062,600	96,700	1,797,100	4,063,700	827,100	1,808,045	14,146,300	0	16,781,445	21,192	2,955,480	19,758,117
Additions	0	28,823	50,257	0	0	71,468	0	28,823	121,725		150,548	11,068	641,434	803,050
Disposals							0	0	0		0		(113,452)	(113,452)
Depreciation	0	(194)	(156,529)	0	(34,532)	(59,592)	0	(34,726)	(216,121)		(250,847)	(6,373)	(375,098)	(632,318)
Transfers	(70,000)	0	0	(2,200)	(62,907)	0	(72,200)	(62,907)	0		(135,107)			(135,107)
<b>Balance at 30 June 2023</b>	660,400	39,574	9,976,328	94,500	1,699,661	4,075,576	754,900	1,739,235	14,051,904	0	16,546,039	25,887	3,108,364	19,680,290
<b>Comprises:</b>														
Gross balance amount at 30 June 2023	660,400	39,768	10,132,857	94,500	1,734,193	4,135,168	754,900	1,773,961	14,268,025	0	16,796,886	54,198	4,993,041	21,844,125
Accumulated depreciation at 30 June 2023	0	(194)	(156,529)	0	(34,532)	(59,592)	0	(34,726)	(216,121)	0	(250,847)	(28,311)	(1,884,677)	(2,163,635)
<b>Balance at 30 June 2023</b>	660,400	39,574	9,976,328	94,500	1,699,661	4,075,576	754,900	1,739,235	14,051,904	0	16,546,039	25,887	3,108,364	19,680,290
Additions	0	0	18,136	0	0	0	0	0	18,136	520,765	538,901	20,000	317,139	876,040
Disposals	0	0	(20,012)	0	0	0	0	0	(20,012)		(20,012)		(239,952)	(259,964)
Depreciation	0	(194)	(157,626)	0	(34,532)	(63,937)	0	(34,726)	(221,563)		(256,289)	(10,630)	(422,965)	(689,884)
<b>Balance at 30 June 2024</b>	660,400	39,380	9,816,826	94,500	1,665,129	4,011,639	754,900	1,704,509	13,828,485	520,765	18,808,639	35,257	2,762,586	19,606,482
<b>Comprises:</b>														
Gross balance amount at 30 June 2024	660,400	39,768	10,128,791	94,500	1,733,300	4,135,168	754,900	1,773,068	14,263,959	520,765	17,312,692	74,198	4,805,737	22,192,827
Accumulated depreciation at 30 June 2024	0	(388)	(311,965)	0	(68,171)	(123,529)	0	(68,559)	(435,494)	0	(504,053)	(38,941)	(2,043,151)	(2,586,145)
<b>Balance at 30 June 2024</b>	660,400	39,380	9,816,826	94,500	1,665,129	4,011,639	754,900	1,704,509	13,828,485	520,765	18,808,639	35,257	2,762,586	19,606,482



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8. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (Continued)

(b) Carrying Amount Measurements

Asset Class	Fair Value Hierarchy	Valuation Technique	Basis of Valuation	Date of Last Valuation	Inputs Used
<b>(i) Fair Value - as determined at the last valuation date</b>					
<b>Land and buildings</b>					
Land	2	Market approach using recent observable market data for similar properties.	Registered Valuer	June 2022	Price per hectare or m2
Buildings - non-specialised	2	Market approach using recent observable market data for similar properties.	Registered Valuer	June 2022	Market data/improvements to land using construction costs and current market conditions (Level 2)
Buildings - specialised	2 & 3	Cost approach using depreciated replacement cost	Registered Valuer	June 2022	Improvements to land using construction costs and current conditions (Level 2), residual values and remaining useful life assessments (Level 3) inputs
<p>Level 3 inputs are based on assumptions with regards to future values and patterns of consumption utilising current information. If the basis of these assumptions were varied, they have the potential to result in a significantly higher or lower fair value measurement.</p> <p>During the period there were no changes in the valuation techniques used by the local government to determine the fair value of property, plant and equipment using either level 2 or level 3 inputs. The valuation techniques applied to property subject to lease was the same as that applied to property not subject to lease.</p>					
<b>(ii) Cost</b>					
<b>Furniture and equipment</b>		N/A	Cost	N/A	N/A
<b>Plant and equipment</b>		N/A	Cost	N/A	N/A



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9. INFRASTRUCTURE

(a) Movements in Balances

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

	Infrastructure - roads	Infrastructure - other	Infrastructure - landfill assets	Infrastructure - bridges	Total Infrastructure
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Balance at 1 July 2022</b>	85,116,898	3,538,400	0	17,098,636	105,753,934
Additions	1,180,207	777,829	0		1,958,036
Revaluation increments / (decrements) transferred to revaluation surplus	0	0	0	10,023,205	10,023,205
Depreciation	(1,763,490)	(182,237)	0	(499,841)	(2,445,568)
<b>Balance at 30 June 2023</b>	84,533,615	4,133,992	0	26,622,000	115,289,607
<b>Comprises:</b>					
Gross balance at 30 June 2023	86,297,105	4,316,229	0	26,622,000	117,235,334
Accumulated depreciation at 30 June 2023	(1,763,490)	(182,237)	0	0	(1,945,727)
<b>Balance at 30 June 2023</b>	84,533,615	4,133,992	0	26,622,000	115,289,607
Additions	1,071,061	48,608	55,324	0	1,174,993
(Disposals)	0	(20,612)	0	0	(20,612)
Depreciation	(1,857,796)	(207,462)	0	(831,699)	(2,896,957)
<b>Balance at 30 June 2024</b>	83,746,880	3,954,526	55,324	25,790,301	113,547,031
<b>Comprises:</b>					
Gross balance at 30 June 2024	87,368,166	4,339,338	55,324	26,622,000	118,384,828
Accumulated depreciation at 30 June 2024	(3,621,286)	(384,812)	0	(831,699)	(4,837,797)
<b>Balance at 30 June 2024</b>	83,746,880	3,954,526	55,324	25,790,301	113,547,031



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**9. INFRASTRUCTURE (Continued)**

(b) Carrying Amount Measurements

Asset Class	Fair Value Hierarchy	Valuation Technique	Basis of Valuation	Date of Last Valuation	Inputs Used
<b>(i) Fair Value - as determined at the last valuation date</b>					
Infrastructure - roads	3	Cost approach using depreciated replacement cost	Registered Valuer	June 2022	Costs and current condition ), residual values and remaining useful life assessments (Level 3) inputs
Infrastructure - other	3	Cost approach using depreciated replacement cost	Registered Valuer	June 2022	Costs and current condition, residual values and remaining useful life assessments (Level 3) inputs
Infrastructure - bridges	3	Cost approach using depreciated replacement cost	Registered Valuer	June 2023	Costs and current condition, residual values and remaining useful life assessments (Level 3) inputs

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

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



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**10. FIXED ASSETS**

**(a) Depreciation**

**Depreciation rates**

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

<b>Asset Class</b>	<b>Useful life</b>
Buildings	30 to 100 years
Furniture and equipment	4 to 10 years
Plant and equipment	5 to 15 years
Sealed roads and streets	
formation	not depreciated
pavement	70 years
seal	
bituminous seals	15 to 25 years
asphalt surfaces	15 to 25 years
Gravel roads	
formation	not depreciated
pavement	50 years
gravel sheeting	10 to 15 years
Formed roads (unsealed)	
formation	not depreciated
pavement	50 years
Footpaths - slab	20 years
Sewerage piping	100 years
Water supply piping and drainage systems	75 years
Bridges	60 to 90 years



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10. FIXED ASSETS (Continued)

**MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Initial recognition**

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

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

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

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

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

**Measurement after recognition**

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

**Reportable Value**

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

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

**Revaluation**

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

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

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

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

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

**Depreciation**

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

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

**Depreciation on revaluation**

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

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

**Impairment**

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

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

**Gains or losses on disposal**

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

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**11 LEASES**

**(a) Lessor - Property, Plant and Equipment Subject to Lease**

The table below represents a maturity analysis of the undiscounted lease payments to be received after the reporting date.

Less than 1 year  
1 to 2 years

	<b>2024 Actual</b>	<b>2023 Actual</b>
	\$	\$
	26,180	43,097
	0	3,400
	<u>26,180</u>	<u>46,497</u>
<b>Amounts recognised in profit or loss for Property, Plant and Equipment Subject to Lease</b>		
Rental income	110,272	92,475

**Amounts recognised in profit or loss for Property, Plant and Equipment Subject to Lease**

Rental income

The Shire leases houses to staff and community members with rentals payable monthly. These leases are classified as operating leases as they do not transfer substantially all of the risks and rewards incidental to the ownership of the assets. The staff houses are not considered investment property as they are leased for use in the supply of services to the community. The community housing units are considered a joint operation and are not considered investment property as the primary purpose is provision of community housing.

Lease payments for some contracts include CPI increases, but there are no other variable lease payments that depend on an index or rate. Although the Shire is exposed to changes in the residual value at the end of the current leases, the shire typically enters into new operating leases and therefore will not immediately realise any reduction in residual value at the end of these leases.

Expectations about the future residual values are reflected in the fair value of the properties.

**MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**The Shire as Lessor**

Upon entering into each contract as a lessor, the Shire assesses if the lease is a finance or operating lease.

The contract is classified as a finance lease when the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the lessee. All other leases not within this definition are classified as operating leases. Rental income received from operating leases is recognised on a straight-line basis over the term of the specific lease.

Initial direct costs incurred in entering into an operating lease (eg legal cost, cost to setup) are included in the carrying amount of the leased asset and recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

When a contract is determined to include lease and non-lease components, the Shire applies AASB 15 *Revenue from Contracts with Customers* to allocate the consideration under the contract to each component.



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**12 TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES**

**Current**

Sundry creditors	
Prepaid rates	
Accrued payroll liabilities	
Payroll deductions	
Bonds and deposits held	

2024	2023
\$	\$
189,689	151,469
6,398	10,484
63,568	55,414
44,928	0
98,211	17,801
402,794	235,168

**MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Financial liabilities**

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

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

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

**Trade and other payables**

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

**Prepaid rates**

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





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**13. OTHER LIABILITIES**

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
<b>Current</b>		
Contract liabilities	69,588	7,336
Capital grant/contributions liabilities	138,611	0
	208,199	7,336
<b>Reconciliation of changes in contract liabilities</b>		
Opening balance	7,336	512,197
Additions	69,588	7,336
Revenue from contracts with customers included as a contract liability at the start of the period	(7,336)	(512,197)
	69,588	7,336
<b>Reconciliation of changes in capital grant/contribution liabilities</b>		
Opening balance	0	0
Additions	138,611	0
	138,611	0

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

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

**MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Contract liabilities**

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

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

**Capital grant/contribution liabilities**

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

Fair values for non-current capital grant/contribution liabilities, not expected to be extinguished within 12 months, are based on discounted cash flows of expected cashflows to satisfy the obligations using a current borrowing rate. They are classified as level 3 fair values in the fair value hierarchy (see Note 24(i)) due to the unobservable inputs, including own credit risk.



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**14. BORROWINGS**

	Note	2024			2023		
		Current	Non-current	Total	Current	Non-current	Total
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Secured							
Long term borrowings		137,156	574,337	711,493	125,119	561,137	686,256
<b>Total secured borrowings</b>	27(a)	<b>137,156</b>	<b>574,337</b>	<b>711,493</b>	<b>125,119</b>	<b>561,137</b>	<b>686,256</b>

Secured liabilities and assets pledged as security

**MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Borrowing costs**

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

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

Borrowings fair values are based on discounted cash flows using a current borrowing rate. They are classified as level 3 fair values in the fair value hierarchy (see Note 24(i)) due to the unobservable inputs, including own credit risk.

**Risk**

Details of individual borrowings required by regulations are provided at Note 27(a).



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**15. EMPLOYEE RELATED PROVISIONS**

**Employee Related Provisions**

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
<b>Current provisions</b>		
<b>Employee benefit provisions</b>		
Annual leave	146,388	122,354
Long service leave	219,103	188,072
	365,491	310,426
<b>Total current employee related provisions</b>	365,491	310,426
<b>Non-current provisions</b>		
<b>Employee benefit provisions</b>		
Long service leave	45,695	11,941
	45,695	11,941
<b>Total non-current employee related provisions</b>	45,695	11,941
<b>Total employee related provisions</b>	411,186	322,367

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

Annual leave liabilities are classified as current, as there is no unconditional right to defer settlement for at least 12 months after the end of the reporting period.

**MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Employee benefits**

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

**Short-term employee benefits**

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

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

**Other long-term employee benefits**

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

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



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**16. OTHER PROVISIONS**

	<b>Provision for tip closure</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Opening balance at 1 July 2023</b>	0	0
Additional provision	55,324	55,324
<b>Balance at 30 June 2024</b>	55,324	55,324
<b>Comprises</b>		
Non-current	55,324	55,324
	55,324	55,324

**Other provisions**

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

**MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Provisions**

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

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



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**17. REVALUATION SURPLUS**

	<b>2024 Opening Balance</b>	<b>2024 Closing Balance</b>	<b>2023 Opening Balance</b>	<b>Total Movement on Revaluation</b>	<b>2023 Closing Balance</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Revaluation surplus - Land - freehold land	472,399	472,399	472,399	0	472,399
Revaluation surplus - Buildings - non-specialised	6,723,325	6,723,325	6,723,325	0	6,723,325
Revaluation surplus - Buildings - specialised	3,889,902	3,889,902	3,889,902	0	3,889,902
Revaluation surplus - Furniture and equipment	10,206	10,206	10,206	0	10,206
Revaluation surplus - Infrastructure - roads	82,924,457	82,924,457	82,924,457	0	82,924,457
Revaluation surplus - Infrastructure - other	1,711,767	1,711,767	1,711,767	0	1,711,767
Revaluation surplus - Infrastructure - bridges	29,867,809	29,867,809	19,844,604	10,023,205	29,867,809
	<b>125,599,865</b>	<b>125,599,865</b>	<b>115,576,660</b>	<b>10,023,205</b>	<b>125,599,865</b>



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**18. RESTRICTIONS OVER FINANCIAL ASSETS**

	Note	2024 Actual \$	2023 Actual \$
The following classes of financial assets have restrictions imposed by regulations or other externally imposed requirements which limit or direct the purpose for which the resources may be used:			
- Cash and cash equivalents	3	3,036,844	2,762,214
		3,036,844	2,762,214
The restricted financial assets are a result of the following specific purposes to which the assets may be used:			
Restricted reserve accounts	28	2,828,645	2,754,878
Contract liabilities	13	69,588	7,336
Capital grant liabilities	13	138,611	0
<b>Total restricted financial assets</b>		3,036,844	2,762,214
<b>19. UNDRAWN BORROWING FACILITIES AND CREDIT</b>			
<b>STANDBY ARRANGEMENTS</b>			
Bank overdraft limit		150,000	150,000
Bank overdraft at balance date		0	0
Credit card limit		15,000	15,000
Credit card balance at balance date		(5,336)	(6,089)
<b>Total amount of credit unused</b>		159,664	158,911
<b>Loan facilities</b>			
Loan facilities - current		137,156	125,119
Loan facilities - non-current		574,337	561,137
<b>Total facilities in use at balance date</b>		711,493	686,256
<b>Unused loan facilities at balance date</b>		NIL	NIL



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**20. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

The Shire of West Arthur has identified the following site in relation to land owned, vested or leased, that is possibly contaminated with investigation required.

Darkan Landfill Site - Reserve 31890 Coalfields Road, Darkan.

Until the Shire conducts an investigation to determine the presence and scope of contamination, assesses the risk, and agrees with the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation on the need and criteria for remediation of a risk based approach, the Shire is unable to estimate the potential costs associated with remediation of this site. This approach is consistent with the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation Guidelines.

**21. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Contracted for:		
- capital expenditure projects	107,226	453,575
	<hr/> 107,226	<hr/> 453,575
Payable:		
- not later than one year	107,226	453,575

The capital expenditure project outstanding at the end of the current reporting period includes the final payment on completion of the construction of a new staff house in King Street, Darkan (the prior year commitment was for the same project).

The capital expenditure projects outstanding also includes a playground to be constructed in the Railway Reserve in Burrowes Street, Darkan.



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**22. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

**(a) Elected Member Remuneration**

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

Note	2024 Actual \$	2024 Budget \$	2023 Actual \$
President's annual allowance	6,000	6,000	4,000
President's meeting attendance fees	4,600	4,200	3,300
President's annual allowance for ICT expenses	500	500	500
President's travel and accommodation expenses	1,881	1,220	1,202
	<u>12,981</u>	<u>11,920</u>	<u>9,002</u>
Deputy President's annual allowance	1,500	1,500	1,000
Deputy President's meeting attendance fees	3,000	2,900	2,540
Deputy President's annual allowance for ICT expenses	500	500	500
Deputy President's travel and accommodation expenses	1,076	694	688
	<u>6,076</u>	<u>5,594</u>	<u>4,728</u>
All other council member's meeting attendance fees	15,600	14,200	11,490
All other council member's ICT expenses	2,360	2,500	2,500
All other council member's travel and accommodation expenses	1,890	1,586	1,518
	<u>19,850</u>	<u>18,286</u>	<u>15,508</u>
22(b)	<u>38,907</u>	<u>35,800</u>	<u>29,238</u>

**(b) Key Management Personnel (KMP) Compensation**

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

Short-term employee benefits	423,363	377,259
Post-employment benefits	54,518	47,919
Employee - other long-term benefits	28,034	29,968
Council member costs	38,907	29,238
22(a)	<u>544,822</u>	<u>484,384</u>

*Short-term employee benefits*

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

*Post-employment benefits*

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

*Other long-term benefits*

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

*Council member costs*

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





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**22. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

**Transactions with related parties**

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

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

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

	<b>2024 Actual</b>	<b>2023 Actual</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Short term employee benefits - other related parties	317,506	275,655
Payment of council member costs (Refer to Note 22(a))	38,907	29,238

**Related Parties**

**The Shire's main related parties are as follows:**

*i. Key management personnel*

*Any person(s) having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Shire, directly or indirectly, including any council member, are considered key management personnel and are detailed in Notes 22(a) and 22(b).*

*ii. Other Related Parties*

Short-term employee benefits related associated persons of the CEO, Manager of Works and Services and Councillors who were employed by the Shire under normal employment terms and conditions.

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

*iii. Entities subject to significant influence by the Shire*

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



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**23. JOINT ARRANGEMENTS**

**Share of joint operations**

The Shire has a joint arrangement with the Department of Communities which provides housing for the community. The only assets are land and housing units of which the Shire owns a percentage share.

**Statement of Financial Position**

	<b>2024 Actual</b>	<b>2023 Actual</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Cash and cash equivalents	200,920	191,208
Land - 10 Hillman Street	5,400	5,400
Land - 12 Hillman Street	3,500	3,500
Land - 18 Gibbs St/25 Nangip Cres	2,200	2,200
Building - 10 Hillman Street	91,800	91,800
Building - 12 Hillman Street	59,500	59,500
Building - 18 Gibbs Street	31,900	31,900
Building - 25 Nangip Cres	31,900	31,900
(less accumulated depreciation)	(2,892)	(2,892)
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>424,228</b>	<b>414,516</b>
Reserve accounts	200,920	191,208
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>200,920</b>	<b>191,208</b>

**Statement of Comprehensive Income**

Rental Income	36,260	37,859
Depreciation	(2,892)	(2,892)
Other expense	(23,698)	(23,559)
<b>Profit/(loss) for the period</b>	<b>9,670</b>	<b>11,408</b>
Other comprehensive income	0	0
<b>Total comprehensive income for the period</b>	<b>9,670</b>	<b>11,408</b>

**Statement of Cash Flows**

Rental Income	36,260	37,859
Other expense	(23,698)	(23,559)
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities</b>	<b>12,562</b>	<b>14,300</b>

**MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Joint operations**

A joint operation is a joint arrangement where the Shire has joint control with two or more parties to the joint arrangement. All parties to joint arrangement have rights to the assets, and obligations for the liabilities relating to the arrangement.

Assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses relating to the Shire's interest in the joint operation are accounted for in accordance with the relevant Australian Accounting Standard.



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24. OTHER MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

**a) Goods and services tax (GST)**

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

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with receivables or payables in the statement of financial position.

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

**b) Current and non-current classification**

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

**c) Rounding off figures**

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

**d) Comparative figures**

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

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

**e) Budget comparative figures**

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

**f) Superannuation**

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

**g) Fair value of assets and liabilities**

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

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

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

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

**h) Interest revenue**

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

**i) Fair value hierarchy**

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

**Level 1**

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

**Level 2**

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

**Level 3**

Measurements based on unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

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

**Valuation techniques**

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

**Market approach**

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

**Income approach**

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

**Cost approach**

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

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

**j) Impairment of assets**

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

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

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

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

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



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**25. RATING INFORMATION**

(a) General Rates

<b>RATE TYPE Rate Description</b>	<b>Rate in \$</b>	<b>Number of Properties</b>	<b>2023/24 Actual Rateable Value*</b>	<b>2023/24 Actual Rate Revenue</b>	<b>2023/24 Actual Interim Rates</b>	<b>2023/24 Actual Total Revenue</b>	<b>2023/24 Budget Rate Revenue</b>	<b>2023/24 Budget Interim Rate</b>	<b>2023/24 Budget Total Revenue</b>	<b>2022/23 Actual Total Revenue</b>
	\$		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>(i) General rates</b>										
GRV Townsite	0.083280	85	744,156	61,973	0	61,973	61,973	0	61,973	58,468
GRV Commercial	0.083280	13	239,564	19,951	0	19,951	19,951	0	19,951	18,823
GRV Industrial	0.083280	7	112,580	9,376	0	9,376	9,376	0	9,376	8,845
GRV Other Townsite	0.083280	15	95,888	7,986	0	7,986	7,986	0	7,986	7,534
UV Rural	0.003954	374	455,842,000	1,802,399	(197)	1,802,202	1,802,399	0	1,802,399	1,702,177
<b>Total general rates</b>		494	457,034,188	1,901,685	(197)	1,901,488	1,901,685	0	1,901,685	1,795,847
<b>Minimum Payment \$</b>										
<b>(ii) Minimum payment</b>										
GRV Townsite	597	47	179,632	28,059	0	28,059	28,059	0	28,059	26,461
GRV Commercial	597	9	22,440	5,373	0	5,373	5,373	0	5,373	5,067
GRV Industrial	597	3	9,690	1,791	0	1,791	1,791	0	1,791	2,432
GRV Other Townsite	417	19	20,820	7,923	0	7,923	7,923	0	7,923	7,467
UV Rural, Industrial & Mining	597	83	7,091,434	49,551	(748)	48,803	49,551	0	49,551	46,596
<b>Total minimum payments</b>		161	7,324,016	92,697	(748)	91,949	92,697	0	92,697	88,023
<b>Total general rates and minimum payments</b>		655	464,358,204	1,994,382	(945)	1,993,437	1,994,382	0	1,994,382	1,883,870
<b>(iii) Ex-gratia Rates</b>										
Ex-gratia rates		0	0	0	3,930	3,930	3,774	0	3,774	3,708
<b>Total amount raised from rates (excluding gener</b>		0	0	0	3,930	3,930	3,774	0	3,774	3,708
<b>Total Rates</b>						1,997,367			1,998,156	1,887,578
Rate instalment interest						2,124			1,800	1,239
Rate overdue interest						19,223			15,200	16,959

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

\*Rateable Value at time of raising of rate.



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**26. DETERMINATION OF SURPLUS OR DEFICIT**

Note	2023/24 (30 June 2024 Carried Forward) \$	2023/24 Budget (30 June 2024 Carried Forward) \$	2022/23 (30 June 2023 Carried Forward) \$
<b>(a) Non-cash amounts excluded from operating activities</b>			
The following non-cash revenue or expenditure has been excluded from amounts attributable to operating activities within the Statement of Financial Activity in accordance with <i>Financial Management Regulation 32</i> .			
<b>Adjustments to operating activities</b>			
	Less: Profit on asset disposals	(222,863)	(81,548)
	Less: Fair value adjustments to financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	(1,262)	(2,764)
	Add: Loss on disposal of assets	51,234	0
	Add: Depreciation	3,586,841	3,077,886
<b>Non-cash movements in non-current assets and liabilities:</b>			
7	Assets held for sale	(65,107)	65,107
	Employee benefit provisions	88,818	12,293
	Movement in accrued wages	8,154	16,608
	Inventory	(9,118)	0
	<b>Non-cash amounts excluded from operating activities</b>	<b>3,436,697</b>	<b>3,087,582</b>
<b>(b) Non-cash amounts excluded from investing activities</b>			
The following non-cash revenue or expenditure has been excluded from amounts attributable to investing activities within the Statement of Financial Activity in accordance with <i>Financial Management Regulation 32</i> .			
<b>Adjustments to investing activities</b>			
	Movement in non-current capital expenditure provisions	55,324	0
	<b>Non-cash amounts excluded from investing activities</b>	<b>55,324</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>(c) Surplus or deficit after imposition of general rates</b>			
The following current assets and liabilities have been excluded from the net current assets used in the Statement of Financial Activity in accordance with <i>Financial Management Regulation 32</i> to agree to the surplus/(deficit) after imposition of general rates.			
<b>Adjustments to net current assets</b>			
28	Less: Reserve accounts	(2,828,645)	(2,754,878)
4(a)	Less: Financial assets at amortised cost - self supporting loans	(31,016)	(30,007)
Less: Financial assets at amortised cost			
Less: Current assets not expected to be received at end of year			
6	- Land held for resale	(79,118)	(70,000)
	- Assets held for sale	(65,107)	0
Add: Current liabilities not expected to be cleared at end of year			
14	- Current portion of borrowings	137,156	125,119
	- Employee benefit provisions	429,057	365,839
	<b>Total adjustments to net current assets</b>	<b>(2,437,673)</b>	<b>(2,363,927)</b>
<b>Net current assets used in the Statement of Financial Activity</b>			
	Total current assets	4,963,636	4,795,915
	Less: Total current liabilities	(1,113,640)	(678,049)
	Less: Total adjustments to net current assets	(2,437,673)	(2,363,927)
	<b>Surplus or deficit after imposition of general rates</b>	<b>1,412,323</b>	<b>1,753,939</b>



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27. BORROWING AND LEASE LIABILITIES

(a) Borrowings

Purpose	Note	Actual							Budget			
		Principal at 1 July 2022	New Loans During 2022-23	Principal Repayments During 2022-23	Principal at 30 June 2023	New Loans During 2023-24	Principal Repayments During 2023-24	Principal at 30 June 2024	Principal at 1 July 2023	New Loans During 2023-24	Principal Repayments During 2023-24	Principal at 30 June 2024
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
GROH housing		146,262	0	(50,184)	96,078	0	(53,558)	42,520	96,079	0	(53,558)	42,521
Industrial land		38,657	0	(10,599)	28,058	0	(10,950)	17,108	28,059	0	(10,950)	17,109
Loader		0	270,000	(17,255)	252,745	0	(23,823)	228,922	252,746	0	(23,823)	228,923
ERP		0	0	0	0	150,000	(6,425)	143,575	0	150,000	(6,781)	143,219
<b>Total</b>		<b>184,919</b>	<b>270,000</b>	<b>(78,038)</b>	<b>376,881</b>	<b>150,000</b>	<b>(94,756)</b>	<b>432,125</b>	<b>376,884</b>	<b>150,000</b>	<b>(95,112)</b>	<b>431,772</b>
<b>Self Supporting Loans</b>												
WA Cottage Homes		338,407	0	(29,032)	309,375	0	(30,007)	279,368	309,374	0	(30,007)	279,367
<b>Total Self Supporting Loans</b>		<b>338,407</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(29,032)</b>	<b>309,375</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(30,007)</b>	<b>279,368</b>	<b>309,374</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(30,007)</b>	<b>279,367</b>
<b>Total Borrowings</b>	14	<b>523,326</b>	<b>270,000</b>	<b>(107,070)</b>	<b>686,256</b>	<b>150,000</b>	<b>(124,763)</b>	<b>711,493</b>	<b>686,258</b>	<b>150,000</b>	<b>(125,119)</b>	<b>711,139</b>

Self supporting loans are financed by payments from third parties. These are shown in Note 4 as other financial assets at amortised cost. All other loan repayments were financed by general purpose revenue.

Borrowing Finance Cost Payments

Purpose	Loan Number	Institution	Interest Rate	Date final payment is due	Actual for year ending 30 June 2024	Budget for year ending 30 June 2024	Actual for year ending 30 June 2023
GROH housing	70	WATC *	6.60%	31/03/2025	(5,003)	(5,003)	(8,377)
Industrial land	72	WATC *	3.30%	31/12/2025	(784)	(784)	(1,135)
Loader	74	WATC *	4.00%	30/09/2032	(9,758)	(9,758)	(6,111)
ERP	75	WATC *	4.18%	31/03/2029	(1,345)	(1,571)	0
<b>Total</b>					<b>(16,890)</b>	<b>(17,116)</b>	<b>(15,623)</b>
<b>Self Supporting Loans Finance Cost Payments</b>							
WA Cottage Homes	73	WATC *	3.30%	30/06/2032	(9,900)	(9,900)	(10,876)
<b>Total Self Supporting Loans Finance Cost Payments</b>					<b>(9,900)</b>	<b>(9,900)</b>	<b>(10,876)</b>
<b>Total Finance Cost Payments</b>					<b>(26,790)</b>	<b>(27,016)</b>	<b>(26,499)</b>

\* WA Treasury Corporation



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27. BORROWING AND LEASE LIABILITIES (Continued)

(b) New Borrowings - 2023/24

Particulars/Purpose	Institution	Loan Type	Term Years	Interest Rate %	Amount Borrowed		Amount (Used)		Total Interest & Charges \$	Actual Balance Unspent \$
					2024 Actual \$	2024 Budget \$	2024 Actual \$	2024 Budget \$		
ERP and EDRMS software	WATC	Fixed	5	4.18%	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	17,604	0
					150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	17,604	0

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28. RESERVE ACCOUNTS	2024	2024	2024	2024	2024	2024	2024	2024	2023	2023	2023	2023
	Actual Opening Balance	Actual Transfer to	Actual Transfer (from)	Actual Closing Balance	Budget Opening Balance	Budget Transfer to	Budget Transfer (from)	Budget Closing Balance	Actual Opening Balance	Actual Transfer to	Actual Transfer (from)	Actual Closing Balance
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Restricted by council												
(a) Leave Reserve	125,105	6,355	0	131,460	125,105	5,972	0	131,077	121,148	3,957	0	125,105
(b) Plant Reserve	556,751	751,299	(270,547)	1,037,503	556,751	326,576	(376,926)	506,401	454,017	351,723	(248,989)	556,751
(c) Building Reserve	691,759	34,672	(550,200)	176,231	691,759	33,021	(694,620)	30,160	734,309	23,982	(66,532)	691,759
(d) Town Development Reserve	1,578	80	0	1,658	1,578	75	0	1,653	1,528	50	0	1,578
(e) Recreation Reserve	168,617	8,565	0	177,182	168,617	8,049	0	176,666	163,284	5,333	0	168,617
(f) Heritage Reserve	6,563	483	0	7,046	6,563	463	0	7,026	6,091	472	0	6,563
(g) Community Housing Reserve	191,208	9,712	0	200,920	191,208	10,127	(1,000)	200,335	169,135	22,073	0	191,208
(h) Waste Management Reserve	117,002	5,943	0	122,945	117,002	5,585	(35,000)	87,587	122,753	4,009	(9,760)	117,002
(i) Darkan Swimming Pool Reserve	55,826	7,836	0	63,662	55,826	7,665	0	63,491	49,219	6,607	0	55,826
(j) Information Technology Reserve	57,723	2,931	(25,000)	35,654	57,723	2,755	(25,000)	35,478	66,550	5,173	(14,000)	57,723
(k) Darkan Sport and Community Centre Reserve	184,875	55,757	0	240,632	184,875	38,825	0	223,700	325,421	39,482	(180,028)	184,875
(l) Arthur River Country Club Reserve	47,461	8,410	0	55,871	47,461	8,266	0	55,727	40,150	7,311	0	47,461
(m) Museum Reserve	132,904	6,750	(5,000)	134,654	132,904	6,344	(5,000)	134,248	128,701	4,203	0	132,904
(n) Moodiarrup Sports Club Reserve	22,156	6,125	0	28,281	22,156	6,058	0	28,214	17,582	4,574	0	22,156
(o) Landcare Reserve	29,067	1,476	(5,000)	25,543	29,067	1,388	(5,000)	25,455	32,990	1,077	(5,000)	29,067
(p) Corporate Planning and Valuation Reserve	4,596	233	0	4,829	4,596	219	0	4,815	19,945	651	(16,000)	4,596
(q) Kids Central Reserve	7,088	778	0	7,866	7,088	338	(2,000)	5,426	7,156	234	(302)	7,088
(r) The Shed Reserve	13,103	1,027	0	14,130	13,103	625	0	13,728	12,824	419	(140)	13,103
(s) Recreation Trails Reserve	1,258	1,455	0	2,713	1,258	60	0	1,318	1,218	40	0	1,258
(t) Community Gym Reserve	8,558	2,778	0	11,336	8,558	409	(2,000)	6,967	12,004	2,646	(6,092)	8,558
(u) Economic Development Reserve	89,885	4,566	0	94,451	89,885	4,291	0	94,176	113,847	3,718	(27,680)	89,885
(v) Road Reserve	241,795	12,283	0	254,078	241,795	11,543	0	253,338	234,148	7,647	0	241,795
	2,754,878	929,514	(855,747)	2,828,645	2,754,878	478,654	(1,146,546)	2,086,986	2,834,020	495,381	(574,523)	2,754,878

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

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



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**Restricted by council**

(a) Leave Reserve	To be used to fund long service leave and annual leave requirements
(b) Plant Reserve	To be used for the purchase of major plant
(c) Building Reserve	To be used for the construction and maintenance of Council buildings
(d) Town Development Reserve	To be used to enhance town infrastructure
(e) Recreation Reserve	To be used to enhance recreation infrastructure
(f) Heritage Reserve	To be used to maintain and improve the heritage buildings of the Shire
(g) Community Housing Reserve	To be used for the maintenance and provision of housing within the Shire
(h) Waste Management Reserve	To be used to assist with funding future infrastructure requirements for waste management
(i) Darkan Swimming Pool Reserve	To be used to assist with funding works at the Darkan swimming pool
(j) Information Technology Reserve	To be used for upgrades to computers and office equipment
(k) Darkan Sport and Community Centre Reserve	To be used to maintain and improve the Darkan Sport and Community Centre
(l) Arthur River Country Club Reserve	To be used to maintain and improve the Arthur River Country Club
(m) Museum Reserve	To be used to maintain and to provide new displays in the Museum
(n) Moodiarrup Sports Club Reserve	To be used to maintain and improve the Moodiarrup Sports Club Reserve
(o) Landcare Reserve	To be used to fund the landcare expenditure of the Shire
(p) Corporate Planning and Valuation Reserve	To be used to fund the corporate planning and valuation expenditure of the Shire
(q) Kids Central Reserve	To be used to fund the renewal of equipment and infrastructure
(r) The Shed Reserve	To be used to fund the renewal of equipment and infrastructure
(s) Recreation Trails Reserve	To be used for the construction and maintenance of recreation trails
(t) Community Gym Reserve	To be used for the renewal of gym equipment and activities
(u) Economic Development Reserve	To be used for economic development initiatives that benefit the Shire
(v) Road Reserve	To be used to fund road improvements or urgent repairs

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**29. TRUST FUNDS**

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

	<b>1 July 2023</b>	<b>Amounts Received</b>	<b>Amounts Paid</b>	<b>30 June 2024</b>
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Westcare	43,822	0	(43,822)	0
Seniors Luncheon	1,512	0	(1,512)	0
Arthur River Development	2,769	0	(2,769)	0
RSL Trust Fund	4,141	0	(4,141)	0
Darkan Arts Council	8,004	0	(8,004)	0
Arthur River Hall	2,840	250	(3,090)	0
Arthur River Restoration	10,622	0	(10,622)	0
Trust Fund Interest	0	1,886	(1,886)	0
	<b>73,710</b>	<b>2,136</b>	<b>(75,846)</b>	<b>0</b>





## Auditor General

### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT 2024 Shire of West Arthur

To the Council of the Shire of West Arthur

#### Opinion

I have audited the financial report of the Shire of West Arthur (Shire) which comprises:

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

In my opinion, the financial report:

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

#### Basis for opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report section below.

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

#### Other information

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report**

As required by the *Auditor General Act 2006*, my responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report. The objectives of my audit are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations or the override of internal control.

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

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

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

### **Matters relating to the electronic publication of the audited financial report**

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



Tim Sanya  
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Delegate of the Auditor General for Western Australia  
Perth, Western Australia  
6 December 2024