



Annual Report

2018–2019





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Huon Valley 2020 Community Plan

The Long Term Vision

To work in partnership with the community to improve the quality of life for the people of the Huon Valley by investing in a dynamic, sustainable and equitable future.

Our Vision

From Sleeping Beauty to the Southern Ocean, prosperous, vibrant communities in the Huon Valley, live, work and learn together, enjoying beautiful rural landscapes, waterways and a healthy natural environment.

Our Values

In all our dealings we will:

- Be open, fair and honest
- Respect our people, land and future
- Embrace diversity and new ideas
- Pursue community cohesion

Future Directions and Strategic Directives

- Care for our environment
- Build health and wellbeing
- Enhance recreational opportunities
- Improve transport and communication
- Create diverse educational opportunities for all
- Develop prosperity
- Expanded community consultation and involvement
- Celebrating our arts, heritage and culture



Huon Valley declared a municipal area in 1993

Our Region

17,219

Total Population (ABS 2017)

3,036 under 14 years

3,380 15–34 years

7,070 35–64 years

3,384 65 years and over

12,838

Electors as at 13 September 2018

\$987

Weekly median household income (ABS 2016)

10,832

Rateable Properties

\$1,057

Average Rate Revenue

5,497km²

Total area within Huon Valley municipal area

Main population areas

- Huonville/Ranelagh
- Geeveston/Port Huon
- Dover
- Franklin
- Cygnet

Major industries

- Forestry
- Aquaculture
- Fishing
- Agriculture
- Tourism

Council Facilities

4

Waste Transfer Sites

2

Medical Centres

1

Outside School Hours Care

3

Early Learning and Care Centres

2

Visitor Information Centres

2

Swimming Pools

2

Sports Centres



From the Mayor

I would firstly like to pay my respects to the people of the South-East Nation and their elders past, present and emerging.

Our Aboriginal friends have lived in Tasmania for more than 40,000 years and are the oldest continuous living culture in the world. Our Council continues to learn about Aboriginal culture, their traditions and customs. We are on a journey to have a deeper understanding and appreciation of their history and culture.

In the 2018 local government elections, you elected to Council a good balance of gender, age, skill, experience, and those with a strong commitment to our residents. Since then, our team of nine Councillors, eight new and one returning, have been working together to represent the people of the Huon Valley. As Councillors we are required to make significant decisions to help shape the strategic direction of the council. I was elected Mayor in October 2018 and I am proud to say that I, along with the rest of the Councillors, take these responsibilities very seriously.

In the first couple of months as Councillors, we endorsed the new Community Engagement Framework and Governance Framework and placed a hold on all sales of the Land Strategy. We have also endorsed several significant priority projects relating to Council meeting the growth needs of the municipal area, such as the Channel Highway link road, the relocation of Council's depot on Sale Street, the expansion of the Huonville Childcare Centre, and the need for an industrial park within the Huonville boundary. Council continues to lobby Federal and State Government for funding for these projects.

I would like to recognise and thank our former Commissioner, Adriana Taylor, for working with the community and staff for a period of two years in what was a very challenging time. At our Ordinary Meeting on 13 June 2018 Commissioner Taylor approved the 2018–19 Annual Plan, which set out the major programs and capital works projects that would shape the year ahead and keep us well on track with our Strategic Plan 2015–25.

In January and February of 2019 many of our staff were diverted away from delivering Council services to respond to the bushfires, leaving a reduced number of staff on the front line. These were very challenging times for the entire community and our local businesses, and at Council we were grateful to you, our community, for your patience during the four week period of the fires. We also acknowledge and thank our Council staff, volunteer fire fighters, and emergency services teams including the State Emergency Service (SES) for the significant work and long hours they put in to protect the lives of our people and our properties.

In early February we received welcome visits from the Prime Minister of Australia, the Hon Scott Morrison MP, and the Leader of the Opposition, the Hon Bill Shorten MP, who met with evacuees at the Huonville PCYC and toured the Valley to witness the impacts of the bushfires on our terrain and our communities. On 19 February the Governor General of Australia, Sir Peter Cosgrove, and his wife, Lady Cosgrove, visited Geeveston to meet with volunteers, emergency services, council staff and local residents.

Our dedicated staff worked tirelessly to make sure our evacuation centre ran successfully to provide essential care during the worst of the bushfires, and as a result we received the Partnerships and Collaboration Award as part of the Local Government Professionals Tasmania's Tasmanian Regional Awards program, as well as the Inspirational Leadership Award for Local Government in the International Women's Day Awards of Excellence.

In the event of disaster, we see people from all areas of our community come together to support each other. It is the goodwill of community members, businesses, and not-for-profit agencies, and support from all levels of government that sees us through the hard times.

The road to recovery is long, but by working together we can heal our community and restore a thriving economy.

In March and April we programmed and visited five communities to hear what was important to them and their local communities. This feedback will be used when considering future upgrades to assets and services.

Within the financial year we received a total of \$3,653,616 from the Federal Government, and were awarded more than \$11 million in State Government funding to put towards the continued delivery of important services and infrastructure. This is in addition to the grants that were provided from not-for-profit organisations and other funding bodies to benefit the Huon Valley.

Grants have allowed us to undertake a number of major development projects:

- Arve Road, Geeveston Upgrade
- Partial funding for the construction of a Link Road, Huonville
- Huonville to Franklin Shared Pathway Feasibility Study
- Huonville Traffic Study (an action of the Huonville Ranelagh Master Plan)

An indirect grant of \$2 million from the State and Federal Government has also made possible a one-of-a-kind public art project known as Project X, brought to us by Mona's DarkLab. By helping bring visitors back to the Valley, the popular art series is providing a much-needed economic stimulus in the wake of the bushfires.

Partnerships are essential for Council to deliver a wide range of programs and services in our area, and I would like to thank our local community, volunteers, local funding bodies, organisations and businesses, and the State and Federal Governments, for continuing to work closely with us to develop the Valley.

Our membership with the Southern Tasmanian Councils Authority (STCA) is equally as important. Our Council is involved in two projects that are of global significance, managing our waste and climate change. The membership councils fund programs at a regional level that inform us and enable us to take action at a Council level whilst taking a consistent approach across southern Tasmania.

This year Huon Valley Council delivered the following events and projects to help make the Huon Valley a liveable, interesting and meaningful place to live:

- Main Street Huonville Car Park Redevelopment
- The Huonville/Ranelagh Master Plan
- Huon Beings Digital Arts Program
- Health & Wellbeing Expo
- Huon Valley Harmony Festival

Countless individuals and groups work towards enriching the life and strong sense of community we enjoy in the Huon Valley, and our Australia Day, Citizenship and Volunteers Awards programs provide important recognition to the work that they do. In 2019 Eric Fernandez of Ranelagh was posthumously named Citizen of the Year, known for the lifetime of compassion and quiet achievement he gave in all aspects of his community. Our Young Citizen of the Year Tamara Jacobson was recognised for being a wonderful role model and sports person.

Other awards included:

- Sports Award – Grace Lovell
- Community Event of the Year – Huon Agricultural Society for the Huon Show

- Special Commendation – Dover South and Action Group for Dover Seafest
- Special Volunteer Service Award – Stephen and Denise Jacques
- Outstanding Volunteer Service Award – David Hay

Many of our best local projects and events are driven by the people who live here, and we are committed to supporting these activities through our grants programs. This year we provided grants and benefits in excess of \$119,745.

Much of what makes the Huon Valley such a unique and vibrant place to experience is its people. Together we are making the Huon Valley a place where people's talents are celebrated and recognised – where 'being Tasmanian' means different things to different people and daring to be different is rewarded. There is one thing that we have in common, and this our love for the Huon Valley and to make the Valley a better place for those that come after us.

In our first year as a new Council, I am pleased of the commitment that we have made to work together as a team and the respectful way in which we work with our General Manager and staff.

We are constantly impressed by the work done by residents, staff, volunteers and businesses that continue to show genuine interest, care and dedication when it comes to the place we love to live in. I am proud to say that the people of the Huon Valley are the sort who gets things done, with a shared vision to make our municipal area a great place to work, live and play now and into the future.



Bec Enders
Mayor
Huon Valley Council



From the General Manager

The past financial year brought with it new opportunities and significant challenges for the Huon Valley, with staff from all departments of Council showing great care, innovation and adaptability in servicing our community through times of change.

In the second half of 2018 Council continued to operate with a Commissioner, Adriana Taylor, which was the result of a Board of Inquiry in 2016. During this time the Commissioner provided Council with strong and sensible direction from the strategic aspirations of the community. Some of our key achievements during our time with the Commissioner focused on disaster preparedness, response and recovery, including the completion and adoption of the Huon Valley Community Recovery Plan.

This placed us in good stead through our recovery process from the May 2018 severe weather event, finalising claims made to the Federal Government's National Disaster Relief and Recovery Agreement to cover a large portion of the costs to repair damages caused, and delivering multiple flood studies for high-risk areas thanks to grant funding received from the National Disaster Resilience Program.

In November 2018 our time under Commissioner Adriana Taylor came to a close, and our newly elected Council was formed. Council staff oversaw the training of our new community leaders through an intensive and highly detailed induction program, which delivered on a number

of Ministerial Directions provided by the Board of Inquiry. Revised versions of the Statement of Expectations and Code of Conduct documents were signed by all Councillors outlining the standards of work and behaviour expected of them.

In June 2019 the Minister for Local Government advised Council that it had completed all Ministerial Directions to his satisfaction which completed all outcomes from the Board of Inquiry.

Your Councillors have had to deal with a number of difficult decisions at a time of change and new directions. They represent a good diversity from all sections of the community and it is pleasing to see that they are performing very well in their roles and working together as a collegial team.

In January our new Council, staff, and emergency plans were put to the test when disaster struck and bushfires ravaged large expanses of our Valley. It is due to the high level of skill, agility and flexibility of our workforce that we were able to respond effectively in the face of disaster and to support residents in need while still providing essential services at Council and throughout our towns. I would like to thank our staff for their resilience, and the professionalism and community spirit they showed in this challenging period, and continue to show in this time of recovery.

Over the last year we have produced a number of important documents which will determine what life in the Huon Valley looks like in the months and years ahead. In May of 2019 Council endorsed our draft Local Provision Schedule, which will become part of the Tasmanian Planning Scheme reform once reviewed by the Tasmanian Planning Commission.

Other newly adopted plans and strategies include:

- Health & Wellbeing Strategy
- Arts & Cultural Strategy 2018–2022
- Review of the Economic Development Strategy
- Weed Management Strategy 2018–2023
- Huonville/Ranelagh Master Plan

We also adopted our new Community Engagement Framework, and have taken strides in our commitment to embrace diversity and new ideas particularly when it comes to attracting tourists to our area.

Expressions of Interest were sought from recreational vehicle (RV) campsite managers for multiple locations throughout the Valley to make sure this increasingly popular travelling style is catered for into the future and fully compliant with the law.

Thanks to a funding contribution from the State Government, we were pleased to collaborate with local digital developers to progress the creation of an augmented reality (AR) platypus installation here in the Valley as part of a larger movement that is making use of new technology to share local stories with visitors to the south of the state.

Funding from the State Government has also allowed us to launch a number of much-needed community programs this year. Our 'Gearing Up' Learner Driver Mentor Program has enabled 74 people get their licence by pairing them up with volunteer mentors who helped them gain the necessary driving experience, while the 'Give it a Go' program will provide fun and rewarding after school activities for young people in Dover.

Council continually applies for grant opportunities to build on and improve infrastructure and services for the Huon Valley. In the last year Council received in excess of \$6.8 million from the State and Federal Governments which is testament to the commitment, dedication and diligence of staff advocating for its community.

Our visitor services staff have been making good use of the newly implemented Bookeasy accommodation and events booking management system, with the Huon Valley Visitor Centre winning the beSpotlight World Wide Network Award for the most bookings made through the Bookeasy Distribution Network in March 2019 across Australia and New Zealand.

Throughout the year we remained committed to maintaining a good flow of information with the community. One way we did this was through the consistent delivery of media releases, 57 of which were issued, covering all manner of topics relating to the Huon Valley Council area.

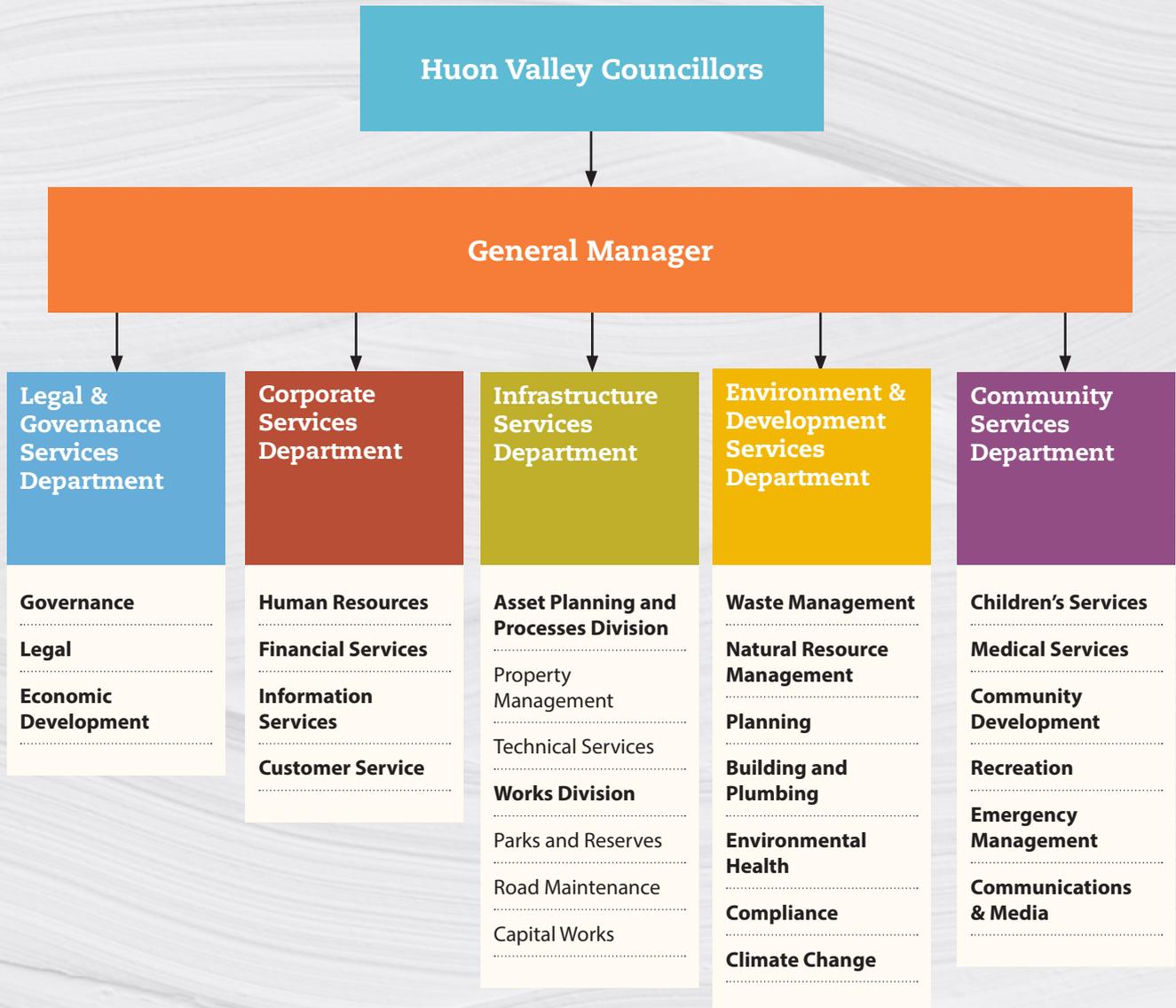
I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Commissioner Taylor, our new Council, staff and volunteers who work across all our Council offices, medical centres, childcare centres, recreation centres, waste transfer stations, depot, and visitor centres for the work they have put in to support our community through times of change and hardship this year. It is through your strong work ethic and commitment to servicing the community that the Huon Valley has a bright future for the year ahead and beyond.



Emilio Reale
General Manager
Huon Valley Council

“Council staff oversaw the training of our new community leaders through an intensive and highly detailed induction program, which delivered on a number of Ministerial Directions provided by the Board of Inquiry in 2016.”

Huon Valley Council Structure



Our Councillors

Ms Adriana Taylor held the position of Commissioner for the Huon Valley Council from 7 October 2016 until a new Council was formed on 5 November 2018.



Mayor

Bec Enders

“On behalf of my community and Council, I continue to focus my energy on building new relationships across government, not-for-profit and private sectors, and with our local people. These connections are strengthened and doors are now open for meaningful discussion and importantly, action. Making progress and resolving long-standing problems can only be achieved by many people working together and sharing the commitment to make the changes that are necessary. Regular communication and using a partnership approach to the work that we do will make the Huon Valley a better place to live, work and play.”

Committee membership:

- GM Performance Review Committee – Chair
- Huonville Recreation Area Management Advisory
- Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT)
- Ranelagh Recreation Area Management Advisory
- Southern Tasmanian Councils Authority (STCA) Board – Chair
- STCA Regional Climate Change Initiative (RCCI) – Chair
- STCA Governance and Audit Committee Member
- TasWater

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Deputy Mayor

Sally Doyle

“Having lived the Huon Valley my entire life I feel a certain responsibility for the Valley to have a prosperous future, so that future generations can thrive here. I believe that as a community we must all work together for the collective best no matter which area we live in. It is important that as an elected Councillor I keep an open mind on all issues presented for determination at the Council table.”

Committee membership:

- Audit Panel
- GM Performance Review
- Geeveston Town Hall Company (GTHCo)
- STCA Waste
- LGAT – Proxy
- STCA – Proxy
- TasWater – Proxy

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Councillor

Mick Newell

“I have worked in retail and construction before working for twenty years abalone diving. I have been an owner/operator of Kruse’s Salvage in Huonville for six years. I owned and ran the Russell River Farm at Lonnavele for ten years farming beef and cherries. I am a past President of the Tasmanian Abalone Divers Council/Divers Sub Council (2012). I was Project Manager/Developer of the Riverside Villas in Short Street, Huonville. I also represented Tasmania on My Kitchen Rules in 2013. I give 100 per cent in my role as Councillor as I am driven by the love of the Valley and its people.”

Committee membership:

- Audit Panel

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Councillor
Paul Gibson

“For more than 30 years I have run successful architecture and building businesses. I want to apply my creative and practical skills to finding solutions for sustainable living. Tourism is the industry that is available to the Huon Valley that can provide economic benefits that are sustainable and climate-friendly. I am advocating for multi-use tracks, spread across the Valley to attract tourists and provide health and transport benefits to locals. Because our valley is so well suited to adventure holidays, every dollar spent on this infrastructure will bring excellent economic benefits.”

Committee membership:

- Southern Trove Tourism Reference Group

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Councillor
Christine Campbell

“As an elected Councillor, I am strongly committed to ensuring good governance and transparency for our community. My strong leadership skills are the result of many years of experience running a number of successful small businesses. I have a long history of volunteering with not-for-profit and community organisations in Sydney, and completed an Honours Degree on community-based organisations. I work collaboratively with others using the ethos of participatory democracy. As a Councillor who is focused on listening to all members of our community, I believe that together we can address the challenges of socio-economic wellbeing to bring vision and prosperity to the Huon Valley.”

Committee membership:

- GM Performance Review

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Councillor
Mike Wilson

“Council needs wise and experienced leadership. I have been a Councillor for more than 15 years. We desperately need to work collaboratively, renewing confidence, supporting new business, creating new jobs and encouraging new ideas and innovation. I have built successful businesses in this Valley. It takes vision, resilience, strength, empathy and determination. I am a good listener and mediator. I want everyone to feel valued and listened to. I am committed and passionate about working together to get our region moving again.”

Committee membership:

- GM Performance Review
- Huon Valley Arts & Culture

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Councillor
Robert Prince

“I am 29 years old, and in addition to my Councillor duties I split my work time between the local high school, Woolworths and the Army Reserve. I live in Mountain River with my wife and two boys. I am passionate about my community and have spent several years working with young people from across the Huon. I have a massive love for local sports and have enjoyed playing soccer for the Huon Valley for four years now. I really enjoy being a member of the Huon Valley Council and appreciate the opportunity to help shape and develop the place I live.”

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**Councillor
Juarne Bird**

"I live work, volunteer and raise my four young children in the Huon Valley. I continue to manage the Geeveston School and Community Op Shop, which serves many communities, organisations and events across the Valley. I want to see families stay here in the Valley and with my background in small business, sports/youth and community service, I bring a balanced and respectful view that takes into account the people, businesses and industries that have pioneered and shaped the community that we enjoy today. My motto is to 'Serve and care for those who call the Huon Valley home'"

Committee membership:

- Huon Valley Health & Wellbeing – Chair

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**Councillor
Mark O'May**

"I am passionate about my local community. My aim is to create opportunities and growth for small businesses to establish themselves with less restricting guidelines, helping to employ local youth. Our youth are our future and given direction, encouragement and opportunity, I believe prosperity will follow. Supporting our farmers and growers markets to further enhance worldwide recognition promotes tourism and environmental awareness. Promoting sport, recreation, care of the elderly and disabled, and road and track funding are priorities."

Committee membership:

- Huon Valley Emergency Management
- Marine Facilities
- Natural Resource Management (NRM)

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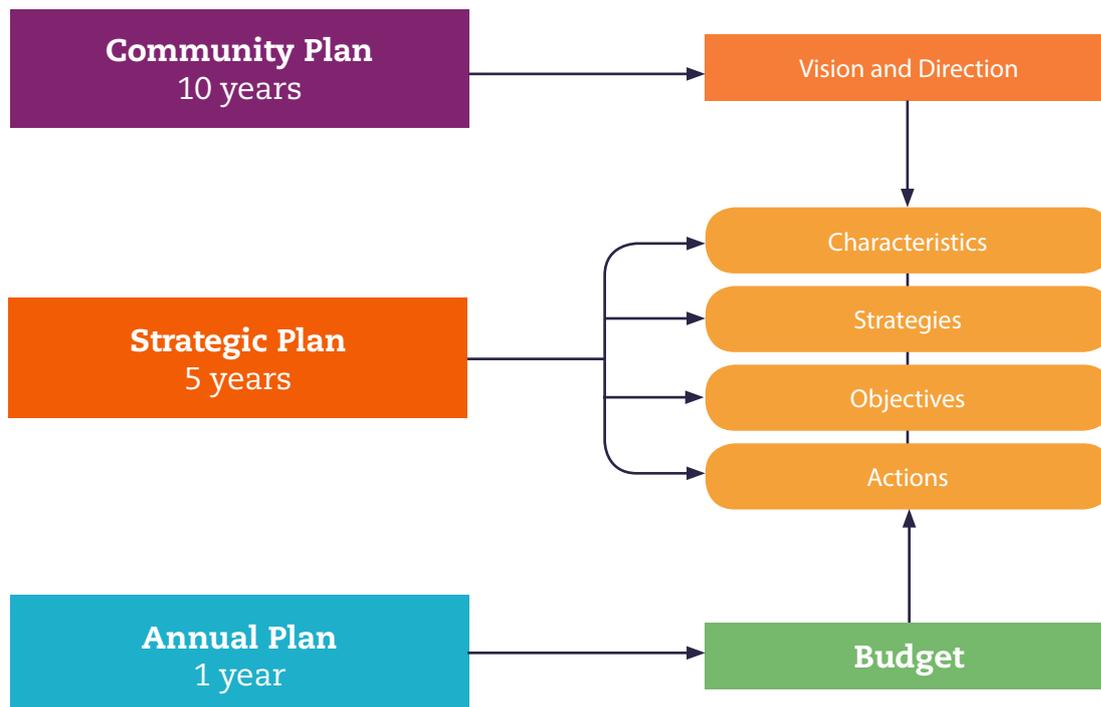
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Attendance at Council Meetings and Workshops

(for the period ended 30 June 2019)

Total number of meetings held: 14

Meeting	Meetings Attended	Workshops Attended	Leave of Absence
Commissioner Taylor	4	5	
Mayor Bec Enders	9	18	
Deputy Mayor Sally Doyle	10	18	
Cr Mick Newell	7	8	22/05/2019 to 21/08/2019
Cr Paul Gibson	9	16	
Cr Christine Campbell	9	16	
Cr Mike Wilson	10	17	
Cr Rob Prince	9	18	
Cr Juarne Bird	10	17	
Cr Mark O'May	5	11	27/03/2019 to 26/06/2019



Strategic Planning Framework

10 Year Focus

2015–2025 Strategic Plan

The Strategic Plan is a medium term planning tool which describes how Council works with and within the community to deliver the governance and services that will achieve community objectives and priorities. Council is focused on ensuring our decisions and processes deliver the following community objectives:

- A Great Environment
- A Prosperous and Resilient Economy
- Capable and Productive People and Assets
- Community Wellbeing and Liveability

The characteristics of the Huon Valley community are summarised as follows:

- Population
- Retail, Trade, Business and Professional Services
- Ecology and Natural Resource Management
- Education Services
- Utilities and Infrastructure
- Public Administration, Health and Safety Services
- Production
- Arts, Cultural, Recreation/Tourism
- Settlement and Built Environment
- Council's Sustainability, Capacity and Governance

The Council will focus on strategies that ensure each community sector can support each other to achieve their aspirations. Council uses a range of strategies to achieve an optimum mix of direct investment, facilitation and support to achieve the defined outcomes.

The Council's strategic mix is as follows:

- Land Use Management
- Build Networks and Relationships
- Encourage, Facilitate and Directly Invest
- Facilitate Learning, Creativity and Innovation
- Market and Communicate to Encourage Engagement and Volunteering
- Govern and Manage with Quality Information, Contemporary Process, Respect and Inclusion

Special Committees of Council

(for the period ending 30 June 2019)

The Huon Valley Council has the following special committees of Council established under Section 24 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Specific Purpose Committees

The Council operates a suite of committees that are program area focused. Some of these committees are chaired by a Councillor and consist of community members or representatives of identified bodies. These committees are strategic in nature and are involved in either the development of a specific strategy or the implementation of a Council approved strategy. These committees are charged with the responsibility of formalising recommendations to Council and have no specific delegation in their own right.

- Arts & Culture Committee – Chair Cr Wilson
- Health & Wellbeing Committee – Chair Cr Bird
- Huon Valley Emergency Management Advisory Committee – Chair Cr O'May
- Huonville Recreation Area Management Advisory Committee – Chair Mayor Enders
- Marine Facilities Development Advisory Committee – Chair Cr O'May
- Natural Resource Management Committee – Chair Cr O'May
- Ranelagh Recreation Area Management Advisory Committee – Chair Mayor Enders
- Youth Committee

Facility Management Committees

The Council established management committees to assume responsibility for specific community facilities. These committees consist solely of community members and work with a high degree of autonomy. The Council has developed specific terms of reference for each of the committees and provides them with an annual financial allocation to assist with the operational costs of the facility. The Council undertakes an annual audit of the accounts of each committee and a summary of their financial situation is included in the Council's annual financial statement. Each of the committees is required to hold an Annual General Meeting (AGM). The appointment of office bearers elected at each of the AGMs is subsequently endorsed by the Council.

- Baden Powell Huonville Scout & Guide Hall Management Committee
- Cradoc Park Management Committee
- Dover Oval Clubrooms Management Committee
- Far South Memorial by the Sea Management Committee
- Geeveston Community Hall Management Committee
- Glen Huon Hall Management Committee
- Judbury Community Centre Management Committee
- Mountain River Hall Management Committee

- Palais Theatre Management Committee
- Pelverata Hall Management Committee
- Ranelagh Soldiers Memorial Hall Management Committee
- Southport Community Centre Management Committee
- Surges Bay Hall Management Committee
- Tasmanian Forest Workers Memorial Management Committee

Council Committees

(for the period ending 30 June 2019)

The Huon Valley Council has established the General Manager's Performance Review Committee as a Council Committee under section 23 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

In accordance with the Terms of Reference, the Committee shall be limited to the following roles and functions:

- To monitor the performance of the General Manager in accordance with the General Manager's employment contract.
- To undertake the annual performance review of the General Manager in accordance with the General Manager's employment contract in a timely manner.
- To negotiate with the General Manager on the salary package and benefits to be paid in the following year at the completion of the performance review process for recommendation to the Council.
- To provide recommendations to the Council on the General Manager's contract of employment.
- To negotiate the appointment of an independent facilitator or engage independent legal or human resources or other professional advice as required to assist the Committee and the Council in complying with the terms and conditions of the General Manager's employment contract for recommendation to the Council.

The Committee is made up of the Mayor Bec Enders, Deputy Mayor Sally Doyle and Councillors Campbell and Wilson.

Audit Panel

Constituted in accordance with section 85 of the Local Government Act 1993 the Audit Panel meets on a regular basis and is structured to assist the Huon Valley Council in fulfilling its corporate governance and oversight responsibilities in relation to financial reports and financial reporting processes, internal control structures, risk management systems (financial and non-financial) and internal and external audit processes. A key benefit of an Audit Panel is that it provides independent assurance on key council activities in these areas.

The Audit Panel is made up of independent members Alison Flakemore (chair) and David Sales, and Deputy Mayor Sally Doyle and Cr Mick Newell.

The Audit Panel Report is included on page 61.

Council's Performance Snapshot

Service Requests

2,679

Total number of customer service requests received between 1/07/2018 – 30/06/2019

Completed requests

(2596 in total)

780	Roads
652	Animals
50	Bridges
182	Building
372	Waste
66	Fencing
33	Footpath
153	Trees
179	Environmental Health

Income

Rates and Charges	\$13,227,341.75
Fees and Charges	\$5,729,679.66
Capital Grants	\$6,361,971.65
Operational Grants	\$507,751.34
Interest	\$256,174.26
Investment Revenue	\$395,034.28
Other	\$793,994.29
Asset Gains	\$1,504,907.95
TOTAL	\$28,776,855.18

Expenditure

Employee Costs	\$10,559,127.65
Materials and Contracts	\$3,219,123.70
Depreciation	\$6,787,067.93
Other	\$4,679,993.73
TOTAL	\$25,245,313.01

Expenditure by Program

Legal & Governance (incl. GM)	\$2,145,292.16
Corporate Services	\$4,247,054.94
Community Services	\$5,785,908.35
Infrastructure Services	\$9,080,006.55
Environment & Development Services	\$3,987,051.01
TOTAL	\$25,245,313.01



Image: Tasmanian Fire Service / Warren Frey



Early 2019 Bushfires

In December 2018 and January 2019, dry lightning strikes started a number of bushfires across Tasmania. The full impact of the strikes was not fully known until deployed firefighting crews were able to confirm that 61 active fires were burning across the state, including a fire that started in Riveaux Road near the Tahune Airwalk, Geeveston.

Heavy smoke affected air quality across the Huon Valley and homes were threatened as the blaze continued to grow in size and intensity, starting in Geeveston and spreading to Waterloo, Port Huon, Castle Forbes Bay, Franklin, Glen Huon, Judbury and Lonnvale.

Huon Valley Council was required to activate the Huon Valley Evacuation Centre located at the PCYC in Huonville and the Animal Refuge located at the Ranelagh Recreation Ground. Activation of these centres commenced on 21 January and they were sustained until 6 February when the threat of the fire had reduced.

The fires had a significant impact on the Huon Valley community. More than 64,030 hectares of Huon Valley landscape was burnt, large numbers of people were evacuated for an extend period of time, road blocks impacted small businesses and chronic air pollution affected all areas. Unfortunately six structures were lost and many properties sustained damage to fences, pasture and infrastructure. There was widespread community anxiety about the fires which has not yet abated. The impact on the Tahune Airwalk, and the Ta Ann and Southwood Mills has been devastating and will continue to have long-term negative effects on employment.

Evacuation Care

- The Huon Valley PCYC Evacuation Centre accommodated and cared for up to 700 people on a daily basis
- There were 54 dogs, 39 cats and several birds also accommodated at the Evacuation Centre
- More than 400 animals and 59 people were accommodated at the Animal Refuge in Ranelagh with the facility well equipped to accommodate all
- The Salvation Army provided 10,000 meals at the centre
- The Tasmanian Health Service (THS) rehoused 308 people with high needs away from the Evacuation Centre

In addition to the people who presented at the Evacuation Centre, many more people decided to leave their homes and chose to go to family, friends or commercial accommodation. It is difficult to assess this number but based on advice received from the Red Cross around 1,400 people left their homes.



Image: Tasmanian Fire Service / Warren Frey

Visits to the Huon Valley by many politicians and dignitaries further heightened the high level of media attention we received. Some of the official visitors included:

- Governor-General Sir Peter Cosgrove and Lady Cosgrove
- Prime Minister Scott Morrison
- Opposition Leader Bill Shorten MP
- Governor of Tasmania Kate Warner
- Premier Will Hodgman

Recovery

Early recovery activities were provided by the Bushfire Recovery Taskforce, which was established by the Tasmanian Government in February 2019 and led by Bushfire Recovery Coordinator Michael Stevens.

The Department of Premier and Cabinet led a well-coordinated recovery effort for affected communities involving multiple state agencies. We would like to thank the Department of Health and Human Services, particularly Carole Owen and employees at the THS, for providing much-needed social recovery assistance both during the bushfire event and also now in the recovery period.

A Recovery Hub for the Huon Valley community was established at the Huonville Library on 12 February 2019 to provide people with a central point to access a range of services, information and assistance.

Recovery efforts will continue for quite some time, and Huon Valley Council is working closely with the Tasmania Fire Service (TFS), local support services, and the community to provide information and deliver workshops and other events geared at rebuilding community resilience and preparedness for any future disaster events.



“We are truly thankful to the volunteers in our community, Huon Valley Council staff and their families who helped run the Evacuation Centres.”

Acknowledgements

Many local business and organisations across the Huon Valley contributed much-needed help in our community during the bushfires, including the Huon Valley PCYC, Huon Agricultural Society, Huon District Pony & Riding Club, Huonville Lions Football Club, Salvation Army, Red Cross, Tasmanian Health Service, St John Ambulance, National Council of Churches, Telstra, Optus, TasNetworks, Rural Alive & Well, Volunteering Tasmania, Save the Children, and Huon Valley Health Services.

We also want to acknowledge the assistance and support from other councils, including Kingborough, Hobart, Clarence, Glenorchy and Break O’Day.

Importantly, we want to thank the volunteer fire fighters who were working on the front line of the fire, as well as their families and employers for supporting their placement. These brave individuals were absent from their homes and workplaces for long periods and did remarkable work to protect our communities during this time of crisis.

We are truly thankful to the volunteers in our community, Huon Valley Council staff and their families who helped run the Evacuation Centres, and the professional way in which our staff continued to provide a level of business continuity for the people of the Valley. As a Council we cannot be prouder of the way our staff came together as an organisation to support one another in a worrying time while going above and beyond expectations to provide the best service possible to the community.

The emotional impacts of disaster can be long-lasting. If you are feeling distressed please call Lifeline on 13 11 14 or Beyond Blue on 1300 22 4636.



Highlights

The 2018–19 year was full of significant achievements across all areas of Huon Valley Council. Each department succeeded in completing and progressing key projects and initiatives outlined in the Annual Plan 2018–19, with staff across all areas contributing to our emergency planning and response activities while also working to continuously make improvements in the many ways we service the community.

CUSTOMER SERVICE

66,631

Customer service receipts issued

24,841

Customer Service Centre visits

ENVIRONMENT SERVICES

5,808

Tonnes of waste sent to landfill

5,083

Average monthly transactions at Waste Transfer Stations



Election of new council

The Ministerial Directions following the 2017 Board of Inquiry were finalised in preparation for a newly elected Council. We farewelled Commissioner Adriana Taylor and oversaw the election of our new council, which involved a comprehensive Councillor induction program. The Councillors signed the Declarations of Office on 5 November 2018 and approved an updated version of the Councillor Code of Conduct.

Evacuation accommodation during the bushfires

During the early 2019 bushfires, we teamed with multiple agencies and fire crews to provide daily evacuation accommodation for up to 700 people at the Huonville PCYC for a period of 15 days until the threat of fire had reduced. Our Animal Refuge located at the Ranelagh Recreation Ground also worked extremely well and was equipped to accommodate more than 400 animals along with 57 owners.

Huonville Main Street car park redevelopment

Our Main Street car park behind the Huon Valley Visitor Information Centre was redeveloped to meet increasing demand in the Huonville shopping precinct for off-street parking options for a range of vehicles, including mini buses and recreational vehicles (RVs). The total parking capacity was increased from 89 to 136 spaces, also enabling improved access for long wheelbase vehicles, bicycles and motorcycles. An electric vehicle charging station was installed, along with new footpaths and lighting to provide safer pedestrian access.

17

Regular Reuse
Shop volunteers

GOVERNANCE

22

Briefing notes
distributed to
Councillors

189

Council reports
produced

TOURISM

29,253

Huonville Visitor
Information
Centre visitors



Huon Valley Flood Studies

As a result of the major flooding of the Huon River in July 2016, Council resolved to apply for Natural Disaster Resilience Program funding (NDRP) to undertake further flood mitigation studies of waterways in the Huon Valley. The analysis focussed on identifying existing issues and the lessons learned. We continue to work with the Huon Valley Emergency Management Committee, Tasmania Police and the local State Emergency Services (SES) to progress the recommendations identified in the Huon Valley Flood Studies.

Switching to renewable energy

We delivered on a number of our Cities Power Partnership action pledges to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and make the switch to renewable and more efficient sources of energy. A new 43kW solar panel system was fitted on the Council offices on Main Street in Huonville, and an electric vehicle (EV) charging station was installed as part of the Main Street car park development. We were also successful in securing a \$50,000 major ChargeSmart grant to install an EV fast charger in the Huon Valley.

Huonville Reuse Shop

The Reuse Shop at Southbridge Waste Transfer Station (Huonville) continued to exceed sales records for every month of the financial year, with overall revenue growth of 24 percent from the previous year. The successful operation provides revenue to support waste management operations while also diverting significant amounts of waste from landfill.

Throughout the year we have 17 regular volunteers who generously contribute their time to make the Reuse Shop a success.

33,544

Geeveston Visitor Information Centre visitors (January to June 2019)

**COMMUNITY/
RECREATION**

21,720

Consultations at Medical Centres

170,694

Hours of centre based child care provided

24

Playgrounds maintained

173.7ha

of managed Parks & Reserves



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Esperance Coast Road Upgrade

As part of our upgrade works and innovation along Esperance Coast Road we have become the first Council in Tasmania to trial the new Geoweb road base system. We will track how the Geoweb system performs against other road base materials and consider it for use again in future.

Health and Wellbeing Expo

Our October Health and Wellbeing Expo was a community-led event organised in partnership with the Huon Community Health Centre, Huonville Library, Huon Regional Care, and Rural Alive & Well’s Healthy and Resilient Communities group. Held in Huonville in the lead up to Mental Health Week, the expo brought together local service providers, businesses and community groups to engage people in activities that promote mental health and wellbeing. The theme ‘Stronger Together’ was about raising awareness and improving understanding about mental illness and the effects it can have on people in our communities.

Gearing Up

We obtained funding for our ‘Gearing Up’ Learner Driver Mentoring Program (LDMP), which pairs learner drivers with volunteer mentors who help them complete the hours needed to obtain a provisional license. By helping give people the ability to drive, the free program gives participants greater independence and allows easier access to education, employment, community activities, support services, and their family.

11

Ovals/sports fields maintained

8.5km

Walking tracks maintained

14,866

Visits to Cygnet Sports Centre

16,686

Visits to Port Huon Sports & Aquatic Centre

19,632

Visits to Huonville Swimming Pool

19

New citizens welcomed to our country



“The [Huon Valley app’s] tourism tracing component will track visitor movements and length of stay in the Huon Valley, allowing us to compare and monitor the impacts of the early 2019 bushfires.”

Huon Valley App

In partnership with the University of Tasmania and the licence holder for the university’s Tourism Tracer technology, Gulliver, we developed a destination app that enables local businesses and service providers to be listed and promoted. The tourism tracing component will track visitor movements and length of stay in the Huon Valley, allowing us to compare and monitor the impacts of the early 2019 bushfires on our tourism sector.

Legal & Governance Services

- Completed a four-year review of our Strategic Plan
- Held a public meeting on Tuesday 24 July 2018 regarding a proposed deep-water export facility at Port Esperance, Dover in response to a petition
- Engaged a consultant to undertake the Huon Valley Mountain Bike Feasibility Study
- Brought the Geeveston Visitor Centre under Council management effective from 1 September 2018
- Progressed the development of our Augmented Reality Project with the initial platypus installation finalised for the Geeveston Town Hall
- Adopted the Bookeasy destination management software system at both of our Visitor Centres, with our Huon Valley Visitor Centre was awarded the beSpotlight World Wide Network Award for the highest number of bookings made through the Bookeasy Distribution Network (across Australia and New Zealand) for March 2019
- Provided submissions to a number of legislative reviews including:
 - Burial and Cremation Act Amendment Bill
 - Local Government Act amendment Bill
 - The review of the legislative framework for local government

2

Citizenship ceremonies performed

1,652

Gearing Up Learner Driver on-road hours

24

Gearing Up Learner Driver number of mentors

74

Gearing Up Learner Driver number of learners

INFRASTRUCTURE

708.95km

Length of roads maintained



Corporate Services

- Introduced online payments for dog registration and licence renewal
- Increased use of electronic documents particularly with payments and document lodgements
- Rolled out use of our new Financial Management Information System (FMIS) to produce electronic purchase orders across all Council sites
- Established our employee Health and Safety Representatives committee
- Completed audits of records stored at our off-site facility
- Completed draft Information Management Policy
- Continued to review and develop our policies and procedures

Infrastructure Services

- Finished construction of the Heritage Park Playground in Geeveston as part of the Heritage Park Master Plan
- Assisted with evacuation centre operations and rubbish collections during the early 2019 bushfires
- Installed an RV dump point at Cygnet
- Completed bridge renewals in the following locations:
 - Castle Forbes Bay
 - Mountain River
 - Hankin Robertson Road
 - Cunninghams Road

Environment & Development Services

- Finalised and endorsed the Huonville-Ranelagh Master Plan
- Submitted the Huon Valley Local Provisions Schedule to the Tasmanian Planning Commission in preparation for the new Tasmanian Planning Scheme
- Approved 407 Development Applications, with 100 percent of applications processed within statutory timeframes
- Provided \$10,000 in grant funding to six local environmental projects
- Supplied more than 760 locally native plants for local environmental projects

208

Bridges

DEVELOPMENT

134

Building applications approved

407

Planning applications approved

29

Subdivision applications approved

161

Resident welcome packs issued



- Provided support to more than 80 private land owners with known declared weed infestations
- Developed action plans for Huon Valley Council Zone A weeds
- Undertook school immunisation sessions across the region with the HPV (human papillomavirus) vaccine and the dTpa (diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis) vaccine
- Regulated major outdoor events in the Huon Valley via the Public Health Act 1997 and the Food Act 2003 to ensure a safe environment for people to enjoy activities and food

Community Services

- Adopted our new Arts & Cultural Strategy 2018–2022 following consultation with Huon Valley advisory committees, the Council Commissioner and staff, and the wider community
- Adopted our new Health and Wellbeing Strategy following consultation with advisory committees, Council staff and community
- Adopted our new Community Engagement Framework and Policy following community consultation and review
- Delivered a Mental Health Awareness Program with Mental Health First Aid Training around the Huon Valley
- Appointed a consultant to progress plans for Huonville Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) Expansion

- Accepted delivery of a new SES truck and Salvation Army food trailer
- Appointed consultant to progress a feasibility study for the Huonville to Franklin Shared Pathway
- Appointed a consultant to progress the Franklin Foreshore Redevelopment Master Plan
- Appointed a consultant to progress the development of a Huon Valley Recreation Plan
- Obtained a rating of Meeting the National Quality Standards for Early Childhood Education and Care and School Age Care at Huon Valley Children's Services
- Completed Southport jetty redevelopment
- Finished refurbishment of Dover public tennis courts

COMPLIANCE

3,892

Dogs registered

COMMUNICATIONS

378,695

Website visits

57

Media releases

29

Letters of support issued to community groups for grant applications

Acknowledgements

Huon Valley Council was successful in obtaining a number of grants including the following:

Funding Body	Project Title	Total Grant Amount (GST Exclusive)
Mental Health Council of Tasmania	2018 Mental Health Week Small Grants Funding	\$1,700
Womensport & Recreation Tasmania	Get Active Program	\$800
Dept Premier & Cabinet	Australia Day 2019 'Great Ideas' Grant	\$1,395
Healthy Tasmania Community Innovations Grants	Give It a Go - Dover After School Activities Program	\$14,804
Multicultural Grants Program 2019	2019 Huon Valley Harmony Festival	\$4,400
Dept State Growth	Huon Valley Mountain Bike Feasibility Study	\$80,000
Dept State Growth	2019–20 Learner Driver Mentor Program	\$78,495
Dept Communities, Sport and Recreation	Huonville to Franklin Shared Walkway Feasibility Study	\$80,000
Dept Communities, Sport and Recreation	Franklin Foreshore Redevelopment	\$750,000
Dept State Growth	Arve Road Upgrade & Construction	\$2,140,000
Dept State Growth	Jefferys Track	\$193,000
Dept State Growth	Channel Highway Link Road	\$7,300,000
Dept State Growth	Huonville Traffic Study	\$200,000
DPAC Bushfire Recovery Taskforce	2019 January Bushfires Administration Support Contribution	\$10,000
TasKeno Community Fund	Equipment Support	\$1,500
Dept Education (Education & Care Unit)	Minor Infrastructure Upgrade Grant	\$3,582
Dept State Growth	Learner Driver Mentor Program	\$67,468
DPAC (Tas. Climate Change Office)	Geeveston Electric Vehicle Fast Charger	\$50,000
TOTAL		\$11,044,054



Australian Government



ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

99

Plumbing Permit Application Assessments

33

Temporary Food Registrations

133

Annual Food Business Registrations

70

Annual Mobile Food Business Registrations





A Great Environment

Strategic Objective 1

Economic Development

Support and facilitate any investment and/or commercial or tourism development with the Council's regulatory and development processes to encourage development to proceed.	✓ COMPLETE
Continue the development of a regional marketing identity that promotes the Huon Valley's unique attributes and quality products, producers and experiences.	✓ COMPLETE
Proactively consider and facilitate the implementation of Council's strategic land use and master plans where they relate to strategic economic development outcomes.	✓ COMPLETE

Community Development

Coordinate Council's annual Community Grants program.	✓ COMPLETE
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Emergency Management

Review and update the Huon Valley Emergency Management Plan.	✗ NOT STARTED*
<i>* The review is due to be completed by October 2019. This project will commence in August 2019 and will continue during 2019–2020.</i>	
Progress the development of a Community Recovery Plan.	✓ COMPLETE

Effectively communicate information during emergency events.	✓ COMPLETE
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Community Services Administration

Facilitate the promotion of good news stories from Council to the local media and community.	✓ COMPLETE
Develop promotional material to promote Council's business and events.	✓ COMPLETE
Review and update Council's Style Guide.	➔ ONGOING*
<i>* A draft guide has been developed and is undergoing a staged implementation. The development of a Communications Strategy in 2019–2020 will support the implementation of the Style Guide.</i>	
Coordinate Council's annual Greg Norris Memorial Scholarships.	✓ COMPLETE

Environmental Health

Conduct EHO assessments on plumbing permits where an on-site wastewater management system is incorporated, in accordance with AS/NZS 1547:2012 and best practice guidelines. Conditions and relevant parts of wastewater design to be offered to the Permit Authority.	✓ COMPLETE
Undertake inspections of on-site waste water management systems including Aerated Wastewater Treatment Systems (AWTS) when prompted by a complaint or by AWTS service reports identifying issues and audit against the permit.	✓ COMPLETE
Ensure Environmental Health advice and comment is provided on Development Applications where applicable.	✓ COMPLETE
Provide current and relevant environmental health advice to the community through media releases and Council's website.	✓ COMPLETE

Natural Resource Management

Provide advice to land managers and industry on management of natural resources.	✓ COMPLETE
Provide internal advice to Council on NRM matters.	✓ COMPLETE
Complete review of the Huon Valley Weed Management Strategy.	✓ COMPLETE
Implement the Huon Valley Weed Management Strategy.	✓ COMPLETE
Build engagement, education and awareness of the management of natural resources within local communities.	✓ COMPLETE
Support local environmental care groups.	✓ COMPLETE
Participate in NRM collaboration initiatives.	✓ COMPLETE



Waste Management

Develop a Huon Valley Waste Management Strategy.	 ONGOING*
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** Strategy development formally commencing in 2019–2020 with approved budget allocation.*

Continue to develop and implement a community education program to encourage waste minimisation.	 COMPLETE
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Building & Plumbing

Assessment of building applications completed within statutory timeframes.	 COMPLETE
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Assessment of plumbing applications completed within statutory timeframes.	 COMPLETE
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Planning

Undertake strategic land use planning.	 COMPLETE
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Assessment of planning applications completed within statutory timeframes.	 COMPLETE
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Development Engineering assessment of works.	 COMPLETE
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Post application planning.	 COMPLETE
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Climate Change

Develop HVC Climate Change Strategy.	 ONGOING*
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** Strategy development formally commencing in 2019–2020 with approved budget allocation.*

Implement Cities Power Partnership Pledges.	 COMPLETE
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A Prosperous, Resilient Economy

Strategic Objective 2

Economic Development

Continue to implement the <i>Huon Valley Economic Development Strategy 2015–2020</i> in accordance with Strategy's revised schedule.	✓ COMPLETE
Support and facilitate any investment and/or commercial or tourism development with the Council's regulatory and development processes to encourage development to proceed.	✓ COMPLETE
Continue the development of a regional marketing identity that promotes the Huon Valley's unique attributes and quality products, producers and experiences.	✓ COMPLETE
Proactively consider and facilitate the implementation of Council's strategic land use and master plans where they relate to strategic economic development outcomes.	✓ COMPLETE
Encourage business networking within the Huon Valley and circulation of information and advice in relation to support and training opportunities.	✓ COMPLETE

Community Development

Adopt the Huon Valley Health and Wellbeing Strategy.	✓ COMPLETE
Adopt the revised Huon Valley Arts and Culture Strategy.	✓ COMPLETE
Facilitate community and sector participation through the Huon Valley Arts and Culture Committee.	✓ COMPLETE
Work collaboratively to implement the <i>Huon Valley Art Cooperative Initiative</i> .	✓ COMPLETE
Identify Arts and Culture initiatives for the Huon Valley.	✓ COMPLETE
Subject to grant funding coordinate the Gearing Up Learner Driver Mentor program.	✓ COMPLETE
Support festivals and events in the Huon Valley.	✓ COMPLETE
Coordinate Council's annual Community Grants program.	✓ COMPLETE



Children's Services

Continue to provide a range of early learning and care options throughout the Huon Valley.

✓ COMPLETE

Community Services Administration

Facilitate the promotion of good news stories from Council to the local media and community.

✓ COMPLETE

Develop promotional material to promote Council's business and events.

✓ COMPLETE

Review and update Council's Style Guide.

↻ ONGOING*

** A draft guide has been developed and is undergoing a staged implementation. The development of a Communications Strategy in 2019–2020 will support the implementation of the Style Guide.*

Coordinate Council's annual Greg Norris Memorial Scholarships.

✓ COMPLETE

Planning

Undertake strategic land use planning.

✓ COMPLETE

Capable and Productive People and Assets

Strategic Objective 3

Governance

Develop a Business Continuity Plan.	 ONGOING*
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** To be finalised by the Executive Leadership Team.*

Provide letters of support to organisations in applying for grants for improvement of Huon Valley in accordance with the Policy.	 COMPLETE
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Economic Development

Continue the development of a regional marketing identity that promotes the Huon Valley's unique attributes and quality products, producers and experiences.	 COMPLETE
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Encourage business networking within the Huon Valley and circulation of information and advice in relation to support and training opportunities.	 COMPLETE
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Community Development

Adopt the Huon Valley Health and Wellbeing Strategy.	 COMPLETE
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Facilitate active community and sector participation through the Huon Valley Health and Wellbeing Committee.	 COMPLETE
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Facilitate young people's active participation in community decision making.	 COMPLETE
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Identify Health and Wellbeing initiatives for the Huon Valley.	 COMPLETE
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Advocate for ongoing access to services and facilities.	 COMPLETE
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Promote lifelong learning opportunities and partnerships.	 COMPLETE
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Develop and implement rural and primary health promotion activities to meet need in accordance with available funding.	 COMPLETE
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Manage the day to day operations of the Council's Retirement Villages in accordance with the <i>Retirement Villages Act 2004</i> .	 COMPLETE
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Facilitate and encourage partnerships in the community.	✓ COMPLETE
Adopt the revised Huon Valley Arts and Culture Strategy.	✓ COMPLETE
Facilitate community and sector participation through the Huon Valley Arts and Culture Committee.	✓ COMPLETE
Work collaboratively to implement the <i>Huon Valley Art Cooperative Initiative</i> .	✓ COMPLETE
Identify Arts and Culture initiatives for the Huon Valley.	✓ COMPLETE
Plan and deliver an annual Huon Valley Australia Day event incorporating Citizen of the Year Awards and Citizenship Ceremonies.	✓ COMPLETE
Plan and deliver an annual Huon Valley Volunteer Recognition event incorporating Volunteer Services Awards.	✓ COMPLETE
Subject to grant funding coordinate the Gearing Up Learner Driver Mentor program.	✓ COMPLETE
Support festivals and events in the Huon Valley.	✓ COMPLETE
Support community groups to plan and deliver Council endorsed community events.	✓ COMPLETE
Coordinate Council's annual Community Grants program.	✓ COMPLETE
Support the operations of Council's Hall Management Committees.	✓ COMPLETE
Liaise across Council divisions and the community to support the delivery of community related projects.	✓ COMPLETE

Children's Services

Continue to provide a range of early learning and care options throughout the Huon Valley.	✓ COMPLETE
Work collaboratively with local schools.	✓ COMPLETE
Identify new location for Outside School Hours Care.	➔ ONGOING*

**Terroir consultants were engaged during 2018–2019 to develop plans for the expansion. Draft plans have been received and were under review as at 30 June 2019. This project will continue in 2019–2020.*

Medical Services

Work with key agencies to develop and deliver health and promotion and disease prevention activities and events.	✓ COMPLETE
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Recreation Services

Implement the Marine Facilities Strategy.	✔ COMPLETE
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Complete a feasibility study of a shared pathway from Huonville to Franklin.	➔ ONGOING*
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**Pitt & Sherry Engineers were engaged to undertake an engineering feasibility study. A draft report was received during June 2019 and was awaiting further workshop with Council. This project will continue in 2019–2020.*

Review the delivery of services at Port Huon Sport Centre and Cygnet Sport Centre. Council. This project will continue in 2019–2020.	✔ COMPLETE
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Community Services Administration

Facilitate the promotion of good news stories from Council to the local media and community.	✔ COMPLETE
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Develop promotional material to promote Council's business and events.	✔ COMPLETE
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Review and update Council's Style Guide.	➔ ONGOING*
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**A draft guide has been developed and is undergoing a staged implementation. The development of a Communications Strategy in 2019–2020 will support the implementation of the Style Guide.*

Coordinate Council's annual Greg Norris Memorial Scholarships.	✔ COMPLETE
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Environmental Health

Assessment of new food businesses (permanent and mobile food businesses).	✔ COMPLETE
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Natural Resource Management

Build engagement, education and awareness of the management of natural resources within local communities.	✔ COMPLETE
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Waste Management

Develop a Huon Valley Waste Management Strategy.	➔ ONGOING*
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**Strategy development formally commencing in 2019–2020 with approved budget allocation.*

Continue to develop and implement a community education program to encourage waste minimisation.	✔ COMPLETE
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Continue to operate Southbridge Re-Use Shop and expansion of services.	✓ COMPLETE
Continue to provide a kerbside collection service and continually explore options to expand this service.	✓ COMPLETE
Undertake testing, reporting and maintenance on the former Cygnet Land fill site and Geeveston as required to meet requirements of Environmental Protections Notices (EPNs).	➔ ONGOING*
<i>* Reviewing requirements and potential need for updated reporting.</i>	
Create and distribute Waste Management Guide to promote recycling and waste diversion.	✓ COMPLETE

Parks and Reserves

Maintain Councils Parks and Reserves.	✓ COMPLETE
Implement the asset replacement schedule in relation to Parks and Reserves.	✓ COMPLETE
Undertake the Parks and Reserves Asset inspection programs.	✓ COMPLETE
Implement the Parks and Reserves projects listed in the 2018–2019 Capital Works Program.	✓ COMPLETE

Technical Services

Review Asset Management Plans.	➔ ONGOING*
<i>* The review of Asset Management Plans is a continuous process.</i>	
Administer, maintain and review the Council's asset data base.	✓ COMPLETE
Administer, maintain the Council's GIS data.	✓ COMPLETE
Manage the maintenance request system.	✓ COMPLETE
Develop Stormwater System Management Plans for each urban area.	➔ ONGOING*
<i>* Stormwater Management Plans will be completed before the end of 2019 as per the Urban Drainage Act 2013.</i>	
Progress of Huonville stormwater project.	➔ ONGOING*
<i>* The Huonville stormwater project spans multiple years with an expected completion date of June 2020.</i>	
Issue permits required as a road authority under National Heavy Vehicle Regulator Law.	✓ COMPLETE
Implementation of the bridge replacement and maintenance program.	✓ COMPLETE
Prepare design and document specific projects listed in the 2018–2019 Capital Works Program.	✓ COMPLETE

Road Maintenance

Maintain Road Network.	✔ COMPLETE
Maintenance of footpaths, kerb and channel networks.	✔ COMPLETE
Maintenance of Bridge network.	✔ COMPLETE
Maintenance and replacement of street signs and other road signage including warning and regulatory signage.	✔ COMPLETE

Construction and Town Services

Procurement and supervision of projects and contracts as per the specific projects listed in the 2018–2019 Capital Works Program.	✔ COMPLETE
Improve efficiency of supply management in order to achieve operational efficiencies.	✔ COMPLETE
Coordinate an access improvement program through pre-planning and renewal activities.	✔ COMPLETE

Property Management

Undertake Essential Health and Safety Features Inspections as per program.	✔ COMPLETE
Complete Annual Maintenance Statement and Asbestos Audit.	✔ COMPLETE
Coordinate building and asset maintenance.	✔ COMPLETE
Design, document, procurement of contracts and projects listed in the 18–19 Capital Works Program for buildings.	✔ COMPLETE



Community Wellbeing and Liveability

Strategic Objective 4

Economic Development

Continue the development of a regional marketing identity that promotes the Huon Valley's unique attributes and quality products, producers and experiences.	✓ COMPLETE
Encourage business networking within the Huon Valley and circulation of information and advice in relation to support and training opportunities.	✓ COMPLETE
Participation on the Destination Southern Tasmania Southern Trove Reference Group.	✓ COMPLETE
Support the sustainable operation of the <i>Huon Valley Visitor Centre</i> and review Council's delivery of Visitor Centre services.	✓ COMPLETE

Community Development

Adopt the Huon Valley Health and Wellbeing Strategy.	✓ COMPLETE
Facilitate active community and sector participation through the Huon Valley Health and Wellbeing Committee.	✓ COMPLETE
Facilitate young people's active participation in community decision making.	✓ COMPLETE
Identify Health and Wellbeing initiatives for the Huon Valley.	✓ COMPLETE
Advocate for ongoing access to services and facilities.	✓ COMPLETE
Promote lifelong learning opportunities and partnerships.	✓ COMPLETE
Develop and implement rural and primary health promotion activities to meet need in accordance with available funding.	✓ COMPLETE
Manage the day to day operations of the Council's Retirement Villages in accordance with the <i>Retirement Villages Act 2004</i> .	✓ COMPLETE
Facilitate and encourage partnerships in the community.	✓ COMPLETE
Adopt the revised Huon Valley Arts and Culture Strategy.	✓ COMPLETE
Facilitate community and sector participation through the Huon Valley Arts and Culture Committee.	✓ COMPLETE

Work collaboratively to implement the <i>Huon Valley Art Cooperative Initiative</i> .	✓ COMPLETE
Identify Arts and Culture initiatives for the Huon Valley.	✓ COMPLETE
Plan and deliver an annual Huon Valley Australia Day event incorporating Citizen of the Year Awards and Citizenship Ceremonies.	✓ COMPLETE
Plan and deliver an annual Huon Valley Volunteer Recognition event incorporating Volunteer Services Awards.	✓ COMPLETE
Subject to grant funding coordinate the Gearing Up Learner Driver Mentor program.	✓ COMPLETE
Support festivals and events in the Huon Valley.	✓ COMPLETE
Support community groups to plan and deliver Council endorsed community events.	✓ COMPLETE
Coordinate Council's annual Community Grants program.	✓ COMPLETE
Facilitate community engagement on behalf of Council in accordance with Council's <i>Community Engagement Framework</i> .	✓ COMPLETE
Support the operations of Council's Hall Management Committees.	✓ COMPLETE
Liaise across Council divisions and the community to support the delivery of community related projects.	✓ COMPLETE

Children's Services

Continue to provide a range of early learning and care options throughout the Huon Valley.	✓ COMPLETE
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Medical Services

Work with key agencies to develop and deliver health and promotion and disease prevention activities and events.	✓ COMPLETE
Continue to develop and maintain close working relationships with General Practices, allied health professionals and other service providers to ensure the community has access to quality and efficient health care services.	✓ COMPLETE
Identify and pursue funding opportunities to support medical services in the Huon Valley.	✓ COMPLETE
Continue participation on the relevant health related Committees.	✓ COMPLETE



Recreation Services

Operate and promote the Port Huon and Cygnet Sports Centres and the Huonville Swimming Pool.	✓ COMPLETE
Development of the Huon Lawn Cemetery Master Plan.	➔ ONGOING*
<i>*A draft Masterplan has been developed and is under review as at 30 June 2019. This project will continue in 2019–2020.</i>	
Liaise with Community sporting groups and Department of Communities, Sport and Recreation to identify and seek funding opportunities.	✓ COMPLETE

Emergency Management

Maintain networks with key stakeholders, eg. Bureau of Meteorology, State Government agencies and local service providers.	✓ COMPLETE
Network with Emergency Service organisations within the Huon Valley to improve and support emergency services volunteer membership.	✓ COMPLETE
Support the Emergency Services by facilitating the operation of the Huon Valley Emergency Services Unit.	✓ COMPLETE
Maintain the capacity to operate evacuation centres.	✓ COMPLETE
Work with Natural Disaster Mitigation Project recommendations and implement required policies and procedures.	✓ COMPLETE

Community Services Administration

Facilitate the promotion of good news stories from Council to the local media and community.	✓ COMPLETE
Develop promotional material to promote Council's business and events.	✓ COMPLETE
Review and update Council's Style Guide.	➔ ONGOING*
<i>*A draft guide has been developed and is undergoing a staged implementation. The development of a Communications Strategy in 2019–2020 will support the implementation of the Style Guide.</i>	
Coordinate Council's annual Greg Norris Memorial Scholarships.	✓ COMPLETE
Review the Dover Sports Centre usage and access arrangements.	✓ COMPLETE

Environmental Health

Develop and implement the school based immunisation program to High Schools within the municipal area.	✓ COMPLETE
Provide training and targeted education to priority community groups (such as child care centres) on food handling practices, standards and legislative requirements.	✓ COMPLETE
Review and implement the Environmental Health Plan as a result of regulatory change.	✓ COMPLETE
Undertake requirements under the <i>Food Act 2003</i> .	✓ COMPLETE
Perform inspections of events where Place of Assembly Licences have been issued to ensure compliance with <i>Public Health Act 1997</i> and other relevant components of the <i>Building Act 2016</i> .	✓ COMPLETE
Regulate Council issued Environment Protection Notices (EPN).	✓ COMPLETE
Respond to and take action on general compliance enforcement issues in relation to public health and environmental nuisances in accordance with Council's Enforcement Policy.	✓ COMPLETE
Assess applications for Caravan Licences.	✓ COMPLETE

Compliance

Enforce the <i>Dog Control Act 2000</i> in accordance with the <i>Huon Valley Dog Management Policy</i> .	✓ COMPLETE
Continue to update and publish information brochures and on the Council's website in respect of regulatory information that Council oversees.	✓ COMPLETE
Assess applications in relation to licence to keep dogs.	✓ COMPLETE
Undertake Fire Hazard Abatement Program including community awareness campaign and education and assistance to landowners as required.	✓ COMPLETE
Enforce the <i>Building Act 2016</i> to ensure compliance with the Building Regulations and Plumbing Regulations.	✓ COMPLETE
Enforce the <i>Land Use Planning and Approvals Act (LUPAA) 1993</i> in accordance with the <i>Huon Valley Interim Planning Scheme (HVIPS) 2015</i> .	✓ COMPLETE
Enforce the <i>Traffic Act 1925</i> .	✓ COMPLETE
Impounding and seizure of escaped livestock.	✓ COMPLETE
Continue to update and publish information on the Council's Facebook and Social Media pages in respect to impounded animals/dogs.	✓ COMPLETE



Council Sustainability, Capacity and Governance

Strategic Objective 5

Legal

Implement the Council's Land Strategy and review of all Council Lease and licence land holdings including maintenance of land registers and the undertaking of all conveyancing and land acquisition on behalf of Council.	✓ COMPLETE
Continue to update the Legislative Compliance Checklist and undertake audits as agreed with the Audit Panel.	✓ COMPLETE
Maintain Council's Authorised Officer Register required for administration and enforcement of acts, regulations and by-laws.	✓ COMPLETE
Review existing By-laws and develop new By-laws where required.	✓ COMPLETE
Administer, maintain and review the Council's Agreements Register.	✓ COMPLETE
Undertake roles and functions under the Right to Information, Personal Information Protection and Public Interests Disclosures legislation.	✓ COMPLETE
Administer and maintain the register of the Council's delegations and to review as required.	✓ COMPLETE
Oversee the Council election process in conjunction with the Tasmanian Electoral Commission including being the primary contact regarding the Council elections and to administer and maintain the Council's General Manager's Electoral Roll.	✓ COMPLETE
Oversee any Council court action and deal with and respond to public liability and professional indemnity insurance claims against the Council and liaison with Council's insurers where required.	✓ COMPLETE
Deal with Councillor Code of Conduct complaints for referral.	✓ COMPLETE
Provide Legal services as necessary across the Council including assistance in briefing of Solicitors for appeals or other matters, representation, sale of land for unpaid rates, review of documentation and assisting in preparation of statutory notices, contracts and tenders where required.	✓ COMPLETE
Review, comment and participate in debate on proposed legislative or policy changes as they affect Council operations including submissions to LGAT and STCA.	✓ COMPLETE

Review and respond to Ombudsman enquiries and complaints including making recommendations internally regarding the subject matter of the enquiry or complaint.	✓ COMPLETE
Initial receipt and review of petitions lodged with the Council.	✓ COMPLETE
Reviewing the section 337 certificate template as required by legislation and sign on behalf of the General Manager and undertake annual audit of sample 337 certificates and provide recommendations.	✓ COMPLETE
Review and respond to correspondence from Crown Land Services regarding applications for purchase or licence of Crown land.	✓ COMPLETE

Governance

Preparation of Council meeting, Governance Committee and Councillor Workshop Agendas and Minutes in accordance with Statutory requirements.	✓ COMPLETE
Actively participate in peak Local Government bodies (LGAT & STCA).	✓ COMPLETE
Oversee, review and update the Council's Corporate Risk Register in conjunction with the Executive Leadership Team.	✓ COMPLETE
Coordinate the preparation and review of the Council's corporate documentation such as the Annual Report, Community Plan, Strategic Plan, Corporate Plan and Annual Plan.	✓ COMPLETE
Implementation of the Internal Audit Plan.	✓ COMPLETE
Preparation of Audit Panel meeting Agendas and Minutes in accordance with Statutory requirements.	✓ COMPLETE
Coordinate the implementation of the Ministerial Directions and review of the Board of Inquiry recommendations.	✓ COMPLETE
Review and implement Councillor Induction Program.	✓ COMPLETE
Ensure Corporate Policy Framework is maintained and to develop, administer and review policies and procedures relevant to the Legal and Governance Service Department.	✓ COMPLETE



Customer Service

Deliver a high standard of customer service in accordance with the Customer Service Charter.	✓ COMPLETE
Participate in in-house training provided by other areas of Council.	✓ COMPLETE
Review and update the Customer Services Charter.	↻ ONGOING*
<i>* The Charter is currently under review by Council.</i>	

Finance

Review and update Financial Management Strategy (FMS) and Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) to ensure there are sufficient funds to maintain the current asset base and assist to identify growth projects.	↻ ONGOING*
<i>* Financial Management Strategy and the Long Term Financial Plan updates to be further reviewed in 2019–2020.</i>	
Review and maintain financial statements to ensure outputs are compliant with the Local Government Act 1993 and current Australian Accounting Standards.	✓ COMPLETE
Develop annual budgets in accordance with the FMS and LTFP and the Strategic Asset Management Plans.	✓ COMPLETE
Produce monthly financial statements and present them to Council.	✓ COMPLETE
Progress integration of Financial Management Information System (FMIS) with other information systems.	↻ ONGOING*
<i>* Awaiting the developers to finalise the integrations of the systems.</i>	

Information Management

Review the ICT Strategy 2015 and update for Council endorsement.	↻ ONGOING*
<i>* This needs to be reviewed once the Financial Management Information System implementation is completed.</i>	
Ensure that information management and record keeping practices comply with relevant legislation including the State Archives Act 1983.	✓ COMPLETE
Maintain a program of activities relevant to annual archiving, retention and disposal of electronic and hard copy documents to ensure compliance with the State Archives Disposal Schedule DA2200.	✓ COMPLETE
Develop and test a Disaster Recovery Plan for critical IT assets.	↻ ONGOING*
<i>* This is being developed in conjunction with the Business Continuity Plan.</i>	
Develop Information Management Policy.	✓ COMPLETE

Human Resources

Identify, develop and review policies and procedures to maintain and support a highly effective HR service and framework for Council.	✔ COMPLETE
Further develop and implement a 'best practice' WHS Management System, including training and coordinate the WHS Committee.	✔ COMPLETE
Implement processes to control and reduce WHS risk activities.	✔ COMPLETE
Implement the new payroll system.	✔ COMPLETE
Measure Lost Time Injury (LTIs) and Medical Treatment Injury Rate (MTIRs).	✔ COMPLETE

Statutory Reports

(for the period ending 30 June 2019)

Enterprise Powers Statement

This report is made pursuant to Section 72 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Section 72(1)(ca) requires Council to provide a statement of activities and performance of the Council in relation to any activity undertaken pursuant to Section 21 of the *Local Government Act 1993* 'Enterprise Powers'.

Geeveston Town Hall

In 2015/2016, the Huon Valley Council established the Geeveston Town Hall Co Ltd.

The purpose of the Company is to promote the Town Hall as an entity for the specific purpose of managing and controlling the present and future use of the Town Hall.

The financial performance of this entity is reported in the Financial Statements.

Donated Land Statement

This report is made pursuant to *Section 72 of the Local Government Act 1993*. No donations of land were made by Council during the 2018–19 financial year.

Public Interest Disclosure Statement

This report is made pursuant to Section 86 of the *Public Interest Disclosures Act 2002*. No public interest disclosures were made during the 2018–19 financial year.

Copies of the *Huon Valley Council Public Interest Disclosures Act 2002 Procedures, GOV-CORP 015* are available for inspection on the Council's website or from the Customer Service Centre.

Code of Conduct Complaints

This report is made in relation to numbers of complaints made of alleged breaches of the Huon Valley Council's Code of Conduct for Councillors.

One complaint was lodged in relation to alleged breaches of the Code of Conduct in the 2018–19 financial year against two Councillors. The Code of Conduct Panel had not made any determination on the complaint by 30 June 2019.

Ombudsman Complaints

This report is made in relation to the number of complaints made under the *Ombudsman Act 1976* to the Ombudsman regarding administrative action undertaken by the Council.

The Ombudsman made preliminary inquiries with Council regarding three complaints, all of which were found to be unsubstantiated and therefore required no further action.

Integrity Commission Complaints

Since 2017 the Integrity Commission has been providing individual Councils with bi-annual updates on the number of complaints during the financial year.

The Commission received three complaints regarding the Huon Valley Council during the 2018–2019 financial year. All complaints were dismissed.

Right to Information Act 2009

This report is provided in accordance with the General Manager's responsibilities as Principal Officer of the Council in accordance with Section 23 of the *Right to Information Act 2009*.

Routine and required disclosures

As soon as practicable after the end of each financial year, the General Manager is to provide details on information published as required disclosures or routine disclosures by the public authority.

Under the Act:

"Required disclosure" means a disclosure of information by the Council where the information is required to be published by the Act or any other Act, or where disclosure is otherwise required by law or enforceable under an agreement.

"Routine disclosure" means a disclosure of information by the Council which the Council decides may be of interest to the public, but which is not a required disclosure, an assessed disclosure or an active disclosure.

Council publishes an extensive amount of information as required and makes routine disclosures.

This information can be found at huonvalley.tas.gov.au and includes copies of Council minutes and agenda, progressive publication of Council policies and strategies, Council's strategic plan and annual plan. General information is also made available in relation to Council application processes at the Council's Customer Service Centre and much information is provided in response to phone, mail and email enquiries.

Assessed Disclosures

As soon as practicable after the end of each financial year, the General Manager is to provide details on information released as assessed disclosures. Under the Act, "assessed disclosure" means a disclosure of information by Council in response to a formal request from a person, made under the Act.

An assessed disclosure is a last resort application and will not apply where the information is otherwise available by way of a required, routine or an active disclosure. In most instances of applications for assessed disclosure, the information was otherwise available for purchase in accordance with Council's *Access to Information Policy* or was otherwise publicly available or made publicly available. In these cases, the provisions of the Act do not apply and separate application is to be made for the application.

Where the information being purchased included matters that are otherwise exempt under the Act, this exempt information is omitted.

Number of Applications Received

Number of applications for assessed disclosure of information received during 2018–19 = 7

Applications Accepted

Number of applications for assessed disclosure **accepted** for decision during 2018–19 = 5

Number of applications for assessed disclosure received **not accepted** for decision during 2018–19 = 2

Applications Decided

Number of applications **accepted during 2018–19** and **decided** during 2018–19 = 4

The number of accepted applications **decided** during 2018–19 where the outcome was:

The information requested was provided in full = Nil

The information requested was provided in part = 4

None of the information requested was provided = Nil

Reasons for Decisions

Not in possession or held by an excluded body

The number of accepted applications decided where information requested was **not in the possession** of the public authority or Minister (s.5) including when the information requested is located at the Archives Office and is available for inspections at that Office (s.11(3)) = Nil

The number of accepted applications **decided** where information requested related to an **excluded person or body** (s.6) = Nil

Transferred

The number of applications that were **transferred** (s.14) = Nil

Deferred

The number of accepted applications where the provision of information requested was deferred (s.17) = Nil

Refused

The number of accepted applications refused during 2018–19 = Nil

Exemptions

The number of applications decided where information requested was **exempted** from disclosure in full or part = 4

For applications exempted in full or in part the number of applications for which the following sections were used as reasons for exempting information from disclosure was:

Information relating to the enforcement of the law (s.30) = 1

Internal deliberative information (s.35) = 2

Personal information of a person other than the applicant (s.36) = 4

Information relating to the business affairs of a third party (s.37) = 1

Information relating to the business affairs of a public authority (s.38) = 1

Withdrawn

The number of accepted applications where the application was withdrawn by the applicant before a decision = 1

Number of applications withdrawn in full = 1

Number of applications withdrawn in full = Nil

Time to Make Decisions

Number of accepted applications **decided between 1 and 20 working days** of the applications being accepted = 4

Reviews

Internal Reviews

Number of internal reviews that were requested = Nil

External (Ombudsman) Reviews

Number of external reviews that were requested = Nil

Membership of joint authorities

The Huon Valley Council was a member of the following joint authorities during 2018–19:

Southern Tasmanian Councils Authority

TasWater

Along with the other Tasmanian councils, Huon Valley Council was a part owner of TasWater, the council-owned state water and sewerage corporation.

Public Tenders

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

Description of contract	Period	Extension period	Value	Business name	Business address
Supply of Pavement Stabilisation on Selected Roads	2018-2019	N/A	\$355,028	Andrew Walter Constructions	2 Whitestone Drive, Austins Ferry, Tasmania 7011
Supply and or Laying of Bituminous Surfacing of Roads	2018-2019	N/A	\$641,101	Rokit Asphaltting Pty Ltd	1521 Channel Highway, Margate, Tasmania 7054
Supply, Delivery and or Placement of Concrete, Gravels and Loams	2018-2019	N/A	\$607,745	Duggans Pty Ltd	8420 Channel Highway, Cradoc, Tasmania 7109
Supply and/or Delivery of Re-Sheeting Gravel					
Non Exclusive Provision of Cleaning Services (Public Toilets and Amenities)	01/07/2019-30/06/2022	N/A	\$475,202	DJ Contractors	3427 Huon Highway, Franklin Tas 7113

(2) For the purposes of section 72(1)(e) of the Act, a council is to report in its annual report all instances where regulation 27(a) and (i) which exempt councils from the requirement to invite tenders, have been applied, with the following details:

Description of contract	Amount	Business name	Business address	Reason
Supply of 1600mm concrete pipes for the Huonville Main Drain Diversion Project	\$1,024,600	Hudson Civil Products	10 Gepp Parade, Derwent Park, Tasmania 7009	Unavailability of competitive or reliable tenderers

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

Description of contract	Period	Extension period	Value	Business name	Business address
Supply and/or Delivery of Re-Sheeting Gravel	2018-2019	N/A	\$149,773	Phillips Civil Contracting Pty Ltd	20 Dawson Road, Cairns Bay, Tasmania 7116
Supply, Delivery and or Placement of Concrete, Gravels and Loams	2018-2019	N/A	\$153,085	CM Concreting Pty Ltd	PO Box 30, Huonville, Tasmania 7109
Liability Mutual Insurance	2018-2019	N/A	\$132,260	Mav Insurance-Liability Mutual Insurance	62 Collins Street, Melbourne, 3000

Grants and Benefits

Pursuant to Section 77 of the *Local Government Act 1993* Council must list all details of any grant made or benefit provided in the annual report of the Council.

A benefit provided may include:

- In-kind assistance
- Fully or partially reduced fees, rates or charges
- Remission of rates or charges

Organisation	Description	Amount
Martin Gallasch	Greg Norris Memorial Health Scholarship 2018	\$1,500.00
Samantha O'May	Greg Norris Memorial Health Scholarship 2017	\$1,500.00
Anna Melton	Greg Norris Memorial Health Scholarship 2018	\$1,500.00
Huonville Men's Shed Inc	Community Grants 2018–2019 – Training Computer	\$1,500.00
Upper Huon History Group	Community Grants 2018–2019 – Preservation of History	\$996.00
Scouts Australia Tasmanian Branch – Huonville Scout Group	Community Grants 2018–2019 – Store Shelving	\$3,000.00
Port Cygnet Men's Shed Inc	Community Grants 2018–2019 – Tool Sharpening Equipment	\$677.00
Huonville Football Club Past Players	Community Grants 2018–2019 – Defibrillator	\$1,275.00
Huon Disability Network	Community Grants 2018–2019 – Marquee with Logo	\$989.75
Huon Art Exhibition Group Inc	Community Grants 2018–2019 – Art Hanging System	\$2,000.00
Geeveston Golf Club Inc	Community Grants 2018–2019 – Defibrillator	\$1,500.00
Dover District School	Community Grants 2018–2019 – Basketball Facilities	\$3,000.00
Dover Community Workshop Inc	Community Grants 2018–2019 – Tool Upgrade	\$724.54
Circular Economy	Community Grants 2018–2019 – Developing a Sustainable Community Composting Workshop	\$600.00
Huon Domestic Violence Service	Community Grants 2018–2019 – Round 2 – Empowering Women After the Bush Fires	\$1,663.00
Country Women's Assoc Tas Cygnet Branch (CWA)	Community Grants 2018–2019 – Round 2 – Preserving & Healthy Eating Workshop	\$537.00
Energy Future Team, Huonville High School	Community Grants 2018–2019 – Round 2 – Sustainable House Tour to Engage the Community	\$475.00
Palliative Care Tasmania	Community Grants 2018–2019 – Round 2 – Community Information Day for the Older People of the Huon Valley	\$200.00
Cygnet Bowls & Community Club	Community Grants 2018–2019 – Round 2 – New Surrounds Mower	\$965.00
Dover Community Workshop	Community Grants 2018–2019 – Round 2 – Installation of Clean Air Filter	\$999.00
Huon Valley Soccer Club	Community Grants 2018–2019 – Round 2 – Cooktop & Rangehood for New Canteen	\$1,000.00

Organisation	Description	Amount
Edmund Rice Camps Tasmania	Community Grants 2018–2019 – Round 2 – Running Camp Programs for Children Affected by the Bushfires	\$900.00
Huon Valley Little Athletics	Community Grants 2018–2019 – Round 2 – Whitegoods for New Clubrooms	\$1,000.00
Sacred Heart Catholic School	Community Grants 2018–2019 – Round 2 – Science Fair during National Science Week	\$1,000.00
Cameron Walter	Sponsorship	\$700.00
Caitlin Mommers	Sponsorship	\$200.00
Huon Art Exhibition Group Inc	Sponsorship – Exhibition	\$1,000.00
Karen Corbin	Sponsorship St Ayles Skiff Team	\$700.00
Jaellem Loveless	Sponsorship Men's Aust Gymnastics	\$350.00
Huon Valley Little Athletics Centre	Sponsorship School Sports Aust Track	\$500.00
Huonville High School	Sponsorship Toby Thorpe – Zayed Futures Team trip to Poland	\$700.00
Huon District Pony & Riding Club	Sponsorship Trip to China	\$700.00
Georgia McGrath	Sponsorship 2018 Aust Interschool Champs	\$350.00
Kimberly Gentile	Sponsorship Aust Figure Skating Champs	\$350.00
St James Catholic College	Huon Valley Council Educational Award	\$50.00
Sacred Heart Catholic School	Huon Valley Council Educational Award	\$50.00
Peregrine School	Huon Valley Council Educational Award	\$50.00
Huonville Primary School	Huon Valley Council Educational Award	\$50.00
Huonville High School	Huon Valley Council Educational Award	\$50.00
Glen Huon Primary School	Huon Valley Council Educational Award	\$50.00
Geeveston Primary School	Huon Valley Council Educational Award	\$50.00
Franklin Primary School	Huon Valley Council Educational Award	\$50.00
Dover District School	Huon Valley Council Educational Award	\$50.00
Cygnets Primary School	Huon Valley Council Educational Award	\$50.00
Sacred Heart Catholic School	Sponsorship – Grade 6 Canberra Trip	\$500.00
Upper Huon Wildlife Monitoring Group	Environmental Grant 2019	\$660.00
Southport Community Centre	Environmental Grant 2019	\$4,000.00
Reveg The Ridge	Environmental Grant 2019	\$500.00
Port Cygnets Landcare and Watercare	Environmental Grant 2019	\$100.00
Kermadie River Landcare	Environmental Grant 2019	\$400.00
Friends of Randalls Bay	Environmental Grant 2019	\$4,000.00

Organisation	Description	Amount
Friends of Huon Island	Environmental Grant 2019	\$1,198.70
Willie Smiths Apple Cider – Huon Valley Mid-Winter Festival	Event Support	\$2,634.71
NAIDOC Ball 2018	Event Support	\$379.25
Ida Bay Railway – 2018 Steam Age Ida Bay	Event Support	\$274.00
The Great Huon Valley Festival	Event Support	\$274.00
Huon Agricultural Society – 2018 Huon Show	Event Support	\$344.00
Huon Lions District – Huonville Christmas Parade 2018	Event Support	\$734.00
Glen Huon Carols by Candlelight	Event Support	\$474.00
Dover Far South Action Group – 2018 Dover Christmas Parade	Event Support	\$414.00
Geeveston Fire Brigade – 2018 Geeveston Christmas Parade	Event Support	\$414.00
Huon Folk Inc – 2019 Cygnet Folk Festival	Event Support	\$550.00
Father Tate – Way to St James Pilgrimage Walk	Event Support	\$488.00
Home Hill Winery – Hot Dub Wine Machine	Event Support	\$192.00
A Taste of the Huon	Event Support	\$3,131.47
DPAC – Thank You Event	Event Support	\$617.00
Huon Agricultural Society – 2019 Small Farms Expo	Event Support	\$184.00
Homelands Real Estate – Cygnet Amber’s Easter Picnic	Event Support	\$52.00
Dover Far South Action Group – 2019 Dover Seafest	Event Support	\$1,217.00
Country Womens Association – Huonville	General Rate Remission	\$1,534.70
Dover Regatta Association and Aquatic Club Inc	General Rate Remission	\$575.60
Huon Regional Care – Franklin	General Rate Remission	\$39,076.80
Huon Regional Care – Dover	General Rate Remission	\$7,181.50
Recherche Community Centre	General Rate Remission	\$976.90
Oak Enterprises Pty Ltd – Grove	General Rate Remission	\$6,633.40

Organisation	Description	Amount
Huon Field & Game Association – Geeveston	General Rate Remission	\$379.00
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The Trustees of the Diocese of Tasmania – Huonville	General Rate Remission	\$1,828.60
The Trustees of the Diocese of Tasmania – Huonville	General Rate Remission	\$1,395.60
Huon Regional Care	Fee waiver – Geeveston Community Hall	\$116.00
Home School Group	Fee reduction – Judbury Community Hall community group	\$12.00
Huon Valley Residents and Ratepayers Association	Hall hire reduction – all community halls	\$12.00
Huon Valley Concert Band	Fee reduction – Palais Theatre Franklin	\$72.00
Huon Valley Residents and Ratepayers Association	Fee reduction – Huon Valley Council Chambers	\$12.00
Rural Australians for Refugees	Fee reduction – Cygnet Town Hall	\$72.00
Tania Nelson	Fee reduction – Ranelagh Soldiers Memorial Hall	\$12.00
Samuari Karate Tasmania	Fee reduction – Health and Wellbeing Rate	Unquantifiable*
Miranda Wageman	Fee reduction – Health and Wellbeing Rate	Unquantifiable*
Tania Nelson	Fee reduction – Ranelagh Soldiers Memorial Hall	Unquantifiable*
Margie Newton	Fee reduction – Health and Wellbeing Rate	Unquantifiable*
Family Food Patch	Fee reduction – Baden Powell Scout & Guide Hall	Unquantifiable*
HVC Primary Health Programs	Fee reduction – Baden Powell Scout & Guide Hall	Unquantifiable*
Judbury Crafters	Hall hire reduction – Judbury Hall	Unquantifiable*
Way to St James Pilgrimage Walk 2019	Hall hire waiver – Mountain River Hall	\$136.00
Tassie Teen	Hall hire waiver – Palais Theatre Franklin	\$203.00
Blitztheblues	Hall reduction – Huonville Town Hall	Unquantifiable*
Mez Newman	Hall hire waiver – Cygnet Town Hall	\$136.00
Paola Tanner	Fee reduction – Health and Wellbeing rate	Unquantifiable*
HVC Primary Health Programs	Primary Health Programs	Unquantifiable*
Hutchins Collegiate Swim Club	Hall hire reduction – Baden Powell Scout & Guide Hall	\$85.00
Terror Australis Readers and Writers Festival	Hall hire reduction – Cygnet Town Hall	\$340.00
Healing the Huon Event	Hall hire waiver	\$1,550.00
Huon Art Exhibition Group	Hall hire reduction – Cygnet Town Hall	\$444.00

Organisation	Description	Amount
Department of Premier and Cabinet	Place of Assembly fee	\$197.00
Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia	Fee reduction – Baden Powell Scout & Guide Hall	Unquantifiable*
Launching into Learning	Hall hire waiver – Palais Theatre Franklin	Unquantifiable*
Redeemer Christian Church	Fee reduction – Baden Powell Scout & Guide Hall	Unquantifiable*
Daniel Ford	Hall hire waiver – Baden Powell Scout & Guide Hall	\$136.00
Cygnets Singers	Hall fee waiver – Cygnets Town	\$140.00
Choral Productions Tasmania Inc.	Hall hire waiver – Huonville Town Hall	Unquantifiable*

*Grants or benefits where an exact dollar amount is unable to be determined are listed as 'Unquantifiable'.

Public Health Statement

Environmental Health – Statement for 2018–19

Council's Environmental Health Unit is responsible for the monitoring and regulation of environmentally relevant activities whilst working to maintain healthy communities through public health programs such as the school based immunisation program.

One of the roles of the Environmental Health Unit and an area objective of Council is to ensure food prepared and sold within the municipal area is safe for human consumption, meets food standards and complies with the Australian Food Standards Code. This objective is achieved through the regular inspection of food premises.

There were 203 registered food businesses in the municipal area during the 2018–2019 financial year which included permanent food premises and annually registered mobile food businesses. Additionally 33 temporary food business registrations were produced for specific events. Council's environmental health unit conduct food premises inspections in accordance with the Australian Food Safety Assessment model for food business risk classification and inspection frequency.

A total of 111 inspections of permanent food premises were conducted during the financial year. Council's Environmental Health Officers attended and regulated the larger events including the Taste of the Huon, the Huon Show, Cygnet Folk Festival and the Mid Winter Festival, where 112 inspections of mobile food businesses, including food vans and food stalls were conducted for compliance.

The Environmental Health Officer is also required to undertake assessments for plumbing permit applications that incorporate an on-site waste water system. 99 assessments were undertaken.

There are three swimming pools within the Huon Valley municipal area that are offered for public use. A total of 32 swimming pool samples were submitted for analysis during the year. The results of the recreational water sampling will be compiled into the annual Recreational Water Report that is required to be submitted to the Director of Public Health each year.

In accordance with the Tasmanian Drinking Water Quality Guidelines under the *Public Health Act 1997*, Council is required to keep a register of private water suppliers including commercial water carriers in the municipal area. These include businesses that are not connected to a reticulated potable water supply and offer water to the public from sources including rain water tanks, dams and bores. There were 19 businesses registered with Council under the *Public Health Act 1997* as a supplier of private water and 6 registered commercial water carriers operating in the municipal area. The activities and inspections of registered private water suppliers will be compiled into the annual Drinking Water Quality Report and submitted to the Director of Public Health.

The environmental health unit coordinates the School Based Immunisation Program (SBIP) in accordance with requirements of the *Public Health Act 1997*. Vaccination of Grade 7 students was conducted with two sessions throughout the financial year. These included the diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine dTpa, as well as the human papillomavirus vaccine (Gardasil).

The activities conducted throughout the financial year were completed in accordance with the 2018–2019 Annual Plan. The following table summarises the activities conducted by the Environmental Health Unit:

Public Health Act 1997

Type of Premises / Activity	No.	Inspections	Notices/comments
Specific events licence for place of assembly	11	7	Included Huon Show, Cygnet Folk Festival, Mid Winter Festival and Taste of the Huon events
Regulated systems including cooling towers	0	0	No regulated systems registered for 2018–2019
Commercial water carriers	6	6	
Private water suppliers	19	2	Annual inspections of private water suppliers not mandatory
Public health risk activity (ear & body piercing and tattoo)	5	5	Tattoo businesses
Pools and spas	3	0	32 samples submitted for analysis which is compliant with sampling requirements
School based immunisations			Immunisation sessions conducted in October 2018, March 2019 for 3 High Schools
Human papillomavirus (Gardasil)	175		Vaccines administered
Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (dTpa)	83		Vaccines administered
Complaints relating to unhealthy housing	2	1	Inspections conducted where deemed necessary
Notifiable disease notifications	2	2	All notifications actioned
Permits for private burials and exhumation supervisions	2		

Food Act 2003

Type of Premises / Activity	No.	Inspections	Notices/comments
Annually registered permanent registered food business	133	111	
Annually registered mobile food businesses	70	112	Inspections of mobile businesses registered with other Councils were also conducted at such events as the Taste of the Huon, where all food businesses were inspected on both days during the event.
Notification food businesses	12	10	Inspections conducted where deemed necessary
Temporary food registrations	33	14	
Orders or Notices served on food premises	2		2 improvement notices served
Approval of plans for new or alterations to existing food premises	8	7	

Environmental and public health nuisances

<i>Environmental Management & Pollution Control Act 1994 (EMPCA)</i>	
<i>Local Government Act 1993 (LGA)</i>	
Complaints received	113
Environment Protection Notices served/ongoing	7
Abatement Notices served (LGA)	13
Infringement notices served (EMPCA) and <i>Litter Act 2007</i>	2

Building Act 2016 / Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993

On-site waste water assessments for plumbing permits	99
Development Application referrals including subdivision referrals	43

Council Audit Panel Report

(for the period ending 30 June 2019)

Introduction

This is the third Annual Report of the Huon Valley Council Audit Panel which covers the operations and activities of the Panel consistent with the annual work plan for the period July 2018 to June 2019.

The Local Government (Audit Panel) Order 2014 requires all Councils to establish an Audit Panel. The Panel was thereby established on 28 January 2015 with the objective to assist Council and the General Manager in providing an independent process in its financial and risk management practices to ensure accountability to the community in the governance, management and allocation of resources.

Membership

On 28 January 2015 Council approved the membership structure of the Audit Panel. There were four members comprising two independent members, Alison Flakemore and David Sales, and two Councillors. From 10 October 2016, when the Council was dismissed, Commissioner Adriana Taylor replaced the Councillors on the Audit Panel. Following the appointment of the new Council on 5 November 2018, Deputy Mayor – Sally Doyle and Councillor – Mick Newell commenced as Audit Panel members.

Meetings

The Huon Valley Council Audit Panel met formally on five occasions during the reporting period:

10 August 2018
21 September 2018
6 December 2018
12 March 2019
7 May 2019

Meetings were conducted at the Huon Valley Council Chambers, Main Street, Huonville.

Attendance by Members of the Audit Panel Meetings during the reporting period:

Attendee	Position	Aug 2018	Sept 2018	Dec 2018	Mar 2019	May 2019
Alison Flakemore	Member Independent Chairperson	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
David Sales	Member Independent Member	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Commissioner Adriana Taylor	Commissioner	✓	✓	N/A	N/A	N/A
Councillor Sally Doyle	Deputy Mayor	N/A	N/A	✓	✓	✓
Councillor Mick Newell	Councillor	N/A	N/A	✓	✗	✗



Attended



Absent

N/A

Not an Audit Panel member at the time of meeting

Executive Management, senior managers and staff of the Council attended meetings as required.

Administrative support was provided to the Panel by Council staff.

Acknowledgements

The Audit Panel would like to take this opportunity to thank:

- The External Auditors for the production of reports and other information provided to the Audit Panel throughout 2018–2019; and
- Management and staff for their information and support to the Audit Panel.

Audit Panel Charter

The Charter used by the Audit Panel to guide its activities was originally adopted by Council in June 2014. The Audit Panel review the Charter periodically, as and when appropriate, and make recommendations to Council for any resultant changes for the effective operation of the Audit Panel.

The Audit Panel annual report to Council is based upon the Panel's compliance with its responsibilities in its Charter. The Audit Panel does this by ensuring:

- The annual financial statements of the Council accurately represent the state of affairs of the Council;
- The strategic plan, annual plan, long-term financial plan and long-term strategic asset management plans of the Council are integrated and the processes by which, and assumptions under which, those plans were prepared, are appropriate;
- The accounting, internal control, anti-fraud, anti-corruption and risk management policies, systems and controls that the Council has in relation to safeguarding its long-term financial position are appropriate;

- Whether the Council is complying with the provisions of the Act and any other relevant legislation; and
- Whether the Council has taken any action to previous recommendations provided by the Audit Panel to Council and, if it has so taken action, what that action was and its effectiveness.

Each of these matters is dealt with individually:

Annual Financial Statements

The Audit Panel has undertaken the following activities as part of its work plan:

- Met with Auditor General representative and reviewed the engagement letter and Audit Strategy;
- Reviewed draft financial statements prior to the audit and provided comment on content; and
- Received and considered recommendations of the Auditor General.

Strategic Plan, Annual Plan, Long Term Strategic Asset Management Plans

The Audit Panel has undertaken the following activities as part of its work plan:

- Reviewed and considered plans and enquired about processes for development; and
- Received regular reports from Executive Management to understand operations of Council.

Accounting, Internal Controls, Anti-Fraud, Anti-Corruption and Risk Management Policies, Systems and Controls

The Audit Panel has undertaken the following activities as part of its work plan:

- Reviewed the draft budget and gained an understanding of the process of development;
- Review regular financial management reports and making enquiries;
- Consideration of external audit and recommendations on internal controls;
- Discussed and made recommendations regarding corporate risk register;
- Reviewed the Annual Report draft and comment;
- Reviewed and commented on legal claims from a risk perspective; and
- Considered Internal Audit activities and how they link to Council risks and commented.

Compliance with the provision of the Act and any other relevant legislation

The Audit Panel has undertaken the following activities as part of its work plan:

- Received information in respect of legislative compliance;
- Received reports from management in respect of External Reviews and Reforms;
- Provided guidance to management in implementation of legislative compliance checklist; and
- Provided guidance to management in the development of a corporate risk register.

Council action in relation to previous recommendations provided by the Audit Panel to the Council

The Audit Panel has undertaken the following activities as part of its work plan:

- Received follow up reports and made enquiries.

Reporting to Council

A copy of minutes of every Audit Panel meeting are provided to the Council at the following Council meeting to advise Council of the matters discussed, including any recommendations to Council.

The Audit Panel Annual Report to Council outlines the activities of the Panel once per year.

Other

a) Council Induction Workshop

The Chair of the Audit Panel attended the induction workshop of the new Council and outlined the role, responsibilities and function of the Audit Panel.

b) Referrals

No matters were referred to and considered by the Audit Panel during the 2018–2019 year.

c) Professional Development of Audit Panel Members

Audit Panel members receive information relevant to the role of the Audit Panel and periodically attend professional development activities including, but not limited to, Tasmanian Audit Office and LGAT workshops for Audit Panel members.

Conclusion

In undertaking the abovementioned activities, the Audit Panel has followed the work plan, having regard to its objectives, role and function within the Charter, and aims to provide an independent view of Council activities in the specified areas, thereby adding value to management and Council.

Annual Financial Statements

Year Ended 30th June, 2019

The consolidated financial report presents fairly the financial position of the Huon Valley Council (ABN 77 602 207 026) as at 30 June 2019, the results of its operations for the year then ended and the cash flows of the Council, in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 (as amended), Australian Accounting Standards, including Australian Accounting Interpretations, and other mandatory professional reporting requirements.



Emilio Reale
General Manager
Huon Valley Council

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

	NOTE	Budget 2019 \$'000	Actual 2019 \$'000	Actual 2018 \$'000
INCOME FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS				
RECURRENT INCOME				
RATES AND CHARGES	3	13,049	13,227	12,570
INTEREST	7	269	256	248
USER CHARGES	4	3,382	2,963	2,728
CHILDREN'S SERVICES	4	1,394	1,454	1,281
MEDICAL PRACTICES	4	1,530	1,313	1,301
INVESTMENT REVENUE FROM WATER CORPORATION	10	424	395	638
GRANTS	5	659	508	509
OTHER	8	238	794	1,909
		20,945	20,910	21,184
CAPITAL INCOME				
CAPITAL GRANTS	5	3,832	6,362	5,198
NET GAIN/(LOSS) ON DISPOSAL OF NON-CURRENT ASSETS	9		(486)	(2,130)
NON MONETARY ASSETS - RECOGNISED FOR THE FIRST TIME	6		1,959	
NET ASSET REVALUATION INCREMENT/(DECREMENT)	19		31	(57)
		3,832	7,867	3,011
TOTAL INCOME FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS		24,777	28,777	24,195
EXPENSES FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS				
EMPLOYEE COSTS	11	(11,001)	(10,559)	(9,464)
MATERIALS AND CONTRACTS		(3,396)	(3,219)	(2,997)
DEPRECIATION AND AMORTISATION	12	(5,886)	(6,787)	(5,969)
OTHER EXPENSES	13	(4,082)	(4,680)	(4,977)
TOTAL EXPENSES FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS		(24,365)	(25,245)	(23,407)
OPERATING RESULT FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS		412	3,532	788
NET OPERATING RESULT FOR THE YEAR			3,532	788
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME				
ITEMS THAT WILL NOT BE RECLASSIFIED TO SURPLUS OR DEFICIT				
NET ASSET REVALUATION INCREMENT/(DECREMENT)	19		1,502	(2,138)
ITEMS THAT MAY BE RECLASSIFIED SUBSEQUENTLY TO SURPLUS OR DEFICIT				
FAIR VALUE ADJUSTMENT OF WATER CORPORATION	14		4,802	420
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE RESULT			9,836	(930)

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

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 30 JUNE 2019

	NOTE	2019 \$'000	2018 \$'000
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	15	14,252	9,841
TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES	16	1,042	1,262
INVENTORIES	17	169	197
OTHER ASSETS	18	50	48
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		15,512	11,349
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
PROPERTY, INFRASTRUCTURE, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	19	215,628	210,066
INVESTMENT IN WATER CORPORATION	14	37,557	32,755
CAPITAL WORKS IN PROGRESS		4,561	7,706
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		257,746	250,526
TOTAL ASSETS		273,258	261,875
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES	20a	1,336	1,449
TRUST FUNDS AND DEPOSITS	21	100	100
PROVISIONS	22	1,957	1,818
BORROWINGS	20b	268	
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		3,661	3,367
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
PROVISIONS	22	122	51
BORROWINGS	20b	1,142	
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		1,264	51
TOTAL LIABILITIES		4,925	3,418
NET ASSETS		268,333	258,457
EQUITY			
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS		142,816	143,145
RESERVES	23	125,517	115,312
TOTAL EQUITY		268,333	258,457

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

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

	NOTE	2019 \$'000	2018 \$'000
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATIONS			
RATES		13,247	12,579
USER CHARGES (INCLUSIVE OF GST)		6,196	5,465
OTHER REVENUE (INCLUSIVE OF GST)		858	3,127
INTEREST RECEIVED		256	324
GRANTS (INCLUSIVE OF GST)		801	551
INVESTMENT REVENUE FROM WATER CORPORATION		395	638
NET GST REFUND		586	1,117
PAYMENTS TO EMPLOYEES		(10,347)	(9,783)
PAYMENTS TO SUPPLIERS (INCLUSIVE OF GST)		(4,225)	(4,843)
PAYMENT OTHER (INCLUSIVE OF GST)		(4,932)	(5,214)
NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	24a	<u>2,836</u>	<u>3,961</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
PAYMENTS FOR PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT		(6,912)	(10,868)
PROCEEDS FROM SALE OF PLANT & MACHINERY		714	247
CASH RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR DEPOSITS			55
GRANTS		6,362	5,198
NET CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES		<u>164</u>	<u>(5,368)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
BORROWINGS		1,410	
NET CASH FROM IN FINANCING ACTIVITIES	24b	<u>1,410</u>	
NET INCREASE / (DECREASE) IN CASH HELD		4,411	(1,407)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR		9,841	11,247
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR	25	<u>14,252</u>	<u>9,841</u>

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

	NOTE	TOTAL	ACCUMULATED SURPLUS	ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE	FAIR VALUE RESERVE	OTHER RESERVE
		2019	2019	2019	2019	2019
		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR		258,457	143,145	111,068	(3,738)	7,982
PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT - GTH CO	34	40	40			
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		3,532	3,500	31		
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME:						
– FAIR VALUE ADJUSTMENTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE		1,502		1,502		
– FAIR VALUE ADJUSTMENT ON EQUITY INSTRUMENT		4,802			4,802	
REVERSAL OF PRIOR YEAR INCOME						
ACTUARIAL GAIN/LOSS ON DEFINED BENEFITS PLANS						
TRANSFERS BETWEEN RESERVES			(3,869)			3,869
BALANCE AT END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR		268,333	142,816	112,602	1,064	11,851

	NOTE	TOTAL	ACCUMULATED SURPLUS	ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE	FAIR VALUE RESERVE	OTHER RESERVE
		2018	2018	2018	2018	2018
		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR		259,396	140,511	113,263	(4,158)	9,780
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		788	845	(57)		
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME:						
– FAIR VALUE ADJUSTMENTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE		(2,138)		(2,138)		
– FINANCIAL ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR SALE RESERVE						
– FAIR VALUE ADJUSTMENT ON AVAILABLE FOR SALE ASSETS		420			420	
REVERSAL OF PRIOR YEAR INCOME		(9)	(9)			
ACTUARIAL GAIN/LOSS ON DEFINED BENEFITS PLANS						
TRANSFERS BETWEEN RESERVES			1,798			(1,798)
BALANCE AT END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR		258,457	143,145	111,068	(3,738)	7,982

The above statement should be read with the accompanying notes.

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

INTRODUCTION

Huon Valley Council (Council) was established on 1 April 1993 and is a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal.

Council's main office is located at 40 Main Street, Huonville.

The purpose of the Council is to:

- provide for the peace, order and good government of the municipal area;
- provide for the peace, order and good government in the municipality;
- to promote the social, economic and environmental viability and sustainability of the municipal area;
- to ensure that resources are used efficiently and effectively and services are provided in accordance with the Best Value Principles to best meet the needs of the local community;
- to improve the overall quality of life of people in the local community;
- to promote appropriate business and employment opportunities;
- to ensure that services and facilities provided by the Council are accessible and equitable;
- to ensure the equitable imposition of rates and charges; and
- to ensure transparency and accountability in Council decision making.

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

(a) **Basis of Accounting**

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

This consolidated financial report has been prepared under the historical cost convention, except where specifically stated in notes 19b, 14, 22 and 32.

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

All entities controlled by Council that have material assets or liabilities have been included in this consolidated financial report. All transactions between these entities and Council have been eliminated in full. Details of entities not included in this consolidated financial report based on their materiality are detailed in note 28.

The consolidated financial report has been prepared as a consolidated report to include all the external transactions for the Geeveston Town Hall Company Ltd. Full provision to accommodate AASB 10 Consolidated Financial Statements has not been applied due to immateriality.

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

Judgements and Assumptions

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

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

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

Employee entitlements

Assumptions are utilised in the determination of Council's employee entitlement provisions. These assumptions are discussed in note 22.

Quarry Rehabilitation

Quarry Rehabilitation provision has been extended until June 2020 at the completion of rehabilitation process.

Fair value of property, plant and equipment

Assumptions and judgements are utilised in determining the fair value of Council's property, plant and equipment including useful lives and depreciation rates. These assumptions are discussed in note 32.

Investment in water corporation

Assumptions utilised in the determination of Council's valuation of its investment in TasWater are discussed in note 14.

Land under roads

Assumptions and judgements are utilised in determining the value of land under roads. The square metre value of rateable land, as determined by the Valuer-General, is applied to the square metre area of all land under roads.

(b) Allocation between current and non-current

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

(c) Taxation

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

Goods and Services Tax (GST)

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

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

(d) **Impairment of non-financial assets**

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

(e) **Rounding**

Unless otherwise stated, amounts in the consolidated financial report have been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars. Figures in the financial statement may not equate due to rounding.

(f) **Contingent assets, contingent liabilities and commitments**

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

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

(g) **Budget**

The estimated revenue and expense amounts in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income represent revised budget amounts and are not audited.

(h) **Adoption of new and amended accounting standards**

(i) AASB 9 Financial Instruments

This standard replaces the existing standard, AASB139: Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement and revises classification, measurement and disclosure of financial assets and liabilities. It reduces the number of categories for financial assets and simplifies the measurement choices, including the removal of impairment testing of assets measured at fair value. Classification of financial assets is determined by Council's business model for holding the particular asset and its contractual cash flows.

Council has applied this standard from 1 July 2018 using a retrospective approach with cumulative catch-up. This does not require Council to restate comparative figures, but does require the presentation of both qualitative and quantitative disclosures for affected items, along with a corresponding adjustment to the opening balance of Accumulated surpluses for transitional effects of re-measurement.

Classification and measurement

The financial assets of Council have been reclassified into one of the following categories on adoption of AASB 9. The classifications are primarily based on Council's business model in which a financial asset is managed and its contractual cash flow characteristics. The main effects resulting from reclassification are as follows:

Trade and other receivables - classified as 'Trade and other receivables' as at 30 June 2018, these are held to collect contractual cash flows and give rise to cash flows representing solely payments of principal and interest. These are classified and measured as Financial assets at 'Amortised cost' beginning 1 July 2018.

Investment in water corporation - classified as an 'Available-For-Sale' financial asset as at 30 June 2018. As Council does not hold this equity investment for trading purposes, it has made an irrevocable election for this equity instrument to present any subsequent changes in fair value in Other comprehensive income. Under this approach only dividends are recognised in profit or loss. Council's Investment in water corporation is classified and measured as an 'Equity instrument at fair value through other comprehensive income' beginning 1 July 2018.

'Term Deposits' classified as 'Term deposits' as at 30 June 2018, such assets held by Council are being reclassified from held to maturity to amortised cost. Council intends to hold the assets to maturity to collect contractual cash flows and these cash flows consist solely of payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding. There was no difference between the previous carrying amount and the revised carrying amount of these assets.

Council did not designate any financial assets as at fair value through profit or loss. Council has not designated any financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss. There are no changes in the classification and measurement for Council's financial liabilities.

In summary, upon the adoption of AASB 9, Council had the following required (or elected) reclassifications as at 1 July 2018:

	Note	\$'000	Amortised cost	FVTPL	FVOCI	Equity instrument OCI
Trade and other receivables	16	922	\$'000 922	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Financial assets - Other	15	9,245	9,245			
Investment in Water Corporation	14	32,755				32,755
			10,166			32,755

The adoption of AASB 9 has fundamentally changed Council's accounting for impairment losses for financial assets by replacing AASB 139's incurred loss approach, with a forward-looking expected credit loss (ECL) approach. AASB 9 requires Council to recognise an allowance for ECLs for all financial assets not held at fair value through profit or loss.

Upon adoption of AASB 9, Council retained a credit risk provision on Trade and other receivables of \$11,700. The decision for an unchanged provision is due to no recent write-offs being present.

(i) **Pending Accounting Standards**

Certain new accounting standards and interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for 30 June 2019 reporting periods. Council's assessment of the impact of the relevant new standards and interpretations is set out below.

(i) **AASB 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers**

The standard has been deferred by AASB 2016-7 Deferral of AASB15 for Not-for-Profit Entities, until the 2019-20 reporting period.

AASB 15 introduces a five-step process for revenue recognition, with the core principle of the new standard being for entities to recognise revenue to depict the transfer of goods or services to customers in amounts that reflect the consideration (that is, payment) to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services.

Accounting policy changes will arise in the timing of revenue recognition, treatment of contracts costs and contracts which contain a financing element.

Council has analysed the new revenue recognition requirements noting that future impacts include:

Depending on the respective contractual terms, the new requirements of AASB 15 may result in a change to the timing of revenue from sales of goods and services such - that some revenue may need to be deferred as a liability to a later reporting period to the extent that Council has received cash, but has not met its associated performance obligations, (a promise to transfer a good or service).

Grants received to construct non-financial assets controlled by Council will be recognised as a liability, and subsequently recognised progressively as revenue as Council satisfies its performance obligations under the grant. At present, such grants are recognised as revenue upfront.

Other grants presently recognised as revenue upfront may be eligible to be recognised as revenue progressively as the associated performance obligations are satisfied, but only if the associated performance obligations are enforceable and sufficiently specific.

Grants that are not enforceable and/or not sufficiently specific, will not qualify for deferral, and continue to be recognised as revenue as soon as they are controlled. Council receives several grants for which there are no sufficiently specific performance obligations, for example the Commonwealth Financial Assistance Grants. These grants will continue being recognised as revenue upfront assuming no change to the current grant arrangements.

For Council there will be a minimal effect in the treatment of all grants with sufficiently specific performance obligations where the conditions have yet to be fulfilled at year end. Council currently presents unexpended grant income received in note 5. Council's assessment is that a small amount of the total grants received for the year will be deferred as a liability under AASB 15 and progressively recorded as income as performance obligations are fulfilled.

Council will apply the standard from 1 July 2019.

(ii) AASB 1058 Income of Not-for-Profit Entities

This standard has been deferred until the 2019-20 reporting period.

AASB 1058 supersedes all the income recognition requirements relating to councils, previously in AASB 1004 Contributions. The timing of income recognition under AASB 1058 depends on whether a transaction gives rise to a liability or other performance obligation, or a contribution by owners, related to an asset (such as cash or another asset) received.

AASB 1058 applies when Council receives volunteer services or enters into other transactions in which the consideration to acquire an asset is significantly less than the fair value of the asset, and where the asset is principally to enable Council to further its objectives. In cases where Council enters into other transactions, Council recognises and measures the asset at fair value in accordance with the applicable Australian Accounting Standard (e.g. AASB 116 Property, Plant and Equipment).

If the transaction is a transfer of a financial asset to enable Council to acquire or construct a recognisable non-financial asset to be controlled by Council (i.e. an in-substance acquisition of a non-financial asset), Council recognises a liability for the excess of the fair value of the transfer over any related amounts recognised. Council will recognise income as it satisfies its obligations under the transfer, similarly to income recognition in relation to performance obligations under AASB 15 as discussed above.

AASB 1058 also encompasses non-contractual statutory income such as rates, taxes and fines. Council currently recognises income when received. Under AASB 1058, income is recognised when the taxable event has occurred. An impact for Council is that prepaid rates received prior to the beginning of a rating period, will now be recognised as a financial liability until the commencement of that rating period. The impact to Council will be that revenue recognised when received from Rates and charges in advance as disclosed in note 3, will now be recorded as a liability, with revenue deferred until the commencement of the applicable rating period.

AASB 1058 requires the recognition of volunteer services where they would have been purchased if not donated and the fair value of those services can be reliably measured. Council has assessed these requirements and determined that such services would not be purchased should they not be donated in the future.

Council will apply the standard from 1 July 2019.

(iii) **AASB 16 Leases**

This standard is applicable to annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019. Council will apply the standard from 1 July 2019. Exemptions allow councils to apply AASB 117 for the 30 June 2019 reporting year.

AASB 16 introduces a single lessee accounting model and requires a lessee to recognise assets and liabilities for all leases with a term of more than 12 months, unless the underlying asset is of low value. A lessee is required to recognise a right-of-use asset representing its right to use the underlying leased asset and a lease liability representing its obligations to make lease payments.

AASB 16 will result in most of Council's operating leases being brought onto the statement of financial position. There are limited exceptions relating to short-term leases and low-value assets which may remain off the balance sheet.

The calculation of the lease liability will take into account appropriate discount rates, assumptions about the lease term, and increases in lease payments. A corresponding right to use assets will be recognised, which will be amortised over the term of the lease. Rent expense will no longer be shown. The profit and loss impact of the leases will be through amortisation and interest charges. In the Statement of Cash Flows lease payments will be shown as cash flows from financing activities instead of operating activities.

Lessor accounting under AASB 16 remains largely unchanged. For finance leases, the lessor recognises a receivable equal to the net investment in the lease. Lease receipts from operating leases are recognised as income either on a straight-line basis or another systematic basis where appropriate.

Council will apply the standard from 1 July 2019. Initial recognition and transition to AASB 16 will have a minimal effect on Council.

(iv) **AASB 2017-5 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Effective Date of Amendments to AASB 10 and AASB 128 and Editorial Correction, applicable to annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2022.**

The amendments address an acknowledge inconsistency between the requirements in AASB10, and those in AASB128 (2011) in dealing with the sale or contribution of assets between an investor and its associate or joint venture.

The main consequence of the amendments is that a full gain or loss is recognised when a transaction involves a business (whether it is housed in a subsidiary or not). A partial gain or loss is recognised when a transaction involves assets that do not constitute a business, even if these assets are housed in a subsidiary.

(j) **Geeveston Town Hall**

Geeveston Town Hall Company Ltd (GTHC) is an incorporated entity that has been formed by Huon Valley Council to operate Geeveston Town Hall.

Further information is provided in note 34.

Amounts for GTHC have been included in these statements, and any transactions between Council and GTHC have been eliminated.

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NOTE 2 FUNCTIONS/ACTIVITIES OF THE COUNCIL

a) Revenue, expenditure and assets attributable to each function as categorised in (c) below:

	Grants	Other	Total Revenue	Total Expenditure	Surplus/(Deficit)	Assets
CORPORATE SERVICES-GENERAL						
2018 - 2019		12,698	12,698	4,247	8,451	12,200
2017 - 2018		10,999	10,999	3,941	7,058	11,692
LEGAL & GOVERNANCE-GENERAL						
2018 - 2019	80	576	656	2,145	(1,489)	
2017 - 2018	10	302	312	1,425	(1,114)	
ENVIRONMENT & DEVELOPMENT-GENERAL						
2018 - 2019		994	994	2,117	(1,124)	
2017 - 2018	5	1,104	1,109	2,182	(1,073)	
REFUSE DISPOSAL						
2018 - 2019		1,874	1,874	1,870	5	1,852
2017 - 2018		1,739	1,739	1,814	(75)	1,775
COMMUNITY SERVICES:						
RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE SERVICES						
CHILDREN'S & YOUTH SERVICES						
2018 - 2019	204	2,428	2,633	3,387	(754)	
2017 - 2018	105	1,875	1,980	2,640	(660)	
RURAL HEALTH						
2018 - 2019	120	7	128	699	(571)	
2017 - 2018		294	294	724	(430)	
MEDICAL SERVICES						
2018 - 2019	187	1,406	1,593	1,700	(107)	
2017 - 2018	455	997	1,452	1,507	(56)	
INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES						
ROADS & BRIDGES						
2018 - 2019		125	125	5,095	(4,970)	193,284
2017 - 2018		359	359	4,816	(4,457)	185,232
STORMWATER						
2018 - 2019		523	523	306	217	2,010
2017 - 2018		328	328	314	14	1,926
INFRASTRUCTURE GENERAL						
2018 - 2019		71	71	668	(597)	
2017 - 2018	46	32	79	1,630	(1,551)	
OTHER - NON ATTRIBUTABLE						
2018 - 2019	6,278	1,205	7,483	3,011	4,471	63,912
2017 - 2018	5,085	459	5,544	2,348	3,196	61,250
TOTAL						
2018 - 2019	6,870	21,907	28,777	25,245	3,532	273,258
2017 - 2018	5,707	18,488	24,195	23,342	853	261,875

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NOTE 2 FUNCTIONS/ACTIVITIES OF THE COUNCIL

b) Reconciliation of Assets from note 2 with the Statement of Financial Position at 30 June:

	2018/2019	2017/2018
	\$'000	\$'000
Current assets	15,512	11,349
Non-current assets	257,746	250,526
	273,258	261,875

c) the activities relating to Council's functions reported on, in Note 2(a) are as follows:

Corporate Services General

Administration of Council activities including Customer Services, Human Resource, Information Technology and Finance.

Legal & Governance

Operation and maintenance of council chambers and councillors.

Environment & Development Services

Environmental Health includes disease control, food surveillance, public-use building standards, health education and promotion, water quality, workplace safety and cemeteries.

Environmental management includes strategies and programs for the protection of the environment and regulations of activities affecting the environment. Administration of the town planning scheme, subdivisions and urban and rural renewal programs. The development and maintenance of building constructions standards. Maintenance and marketing of tourist facilities, property development and operation of caravan parks. Administration and operation of dog registration, operation of pounds, control of straying stock, and noxious weeds.

Refuse Disposal

Collection, handling, processing and disposal of all waste materials.

Community Services

Operation and maintenance of housing for aged persons and persons of limited means. Operation of the child care and medical centres.

Infrastructure Services

Construction, maintenance and cleaning of road, streets, footpaths, bridges, parking facilities and street lighting. Operation and maintenance of open or deep drainage systems in urban areas, including the lining of piping of creeks but excludes drainage associated with road works, flood mitigation and agriculture. Operation and maintenance of sporting facilities (includes swimming pools, active and passive recreation and recreation centres).

Other - not attributable

Rates and charges and work not attributed elsewhere.

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NOTE 3 RATES AND CHARGES

Council uses Capital Value as the basis of valuation of all properties within the municipality. The Capital Value of a property is the total value of the property and includes the land value.

	2018/2019	2017/2018
	\$'000	\$'000
General Rate	11,123	10,593
Tas Fire Service levy	570	535
Garbage charge	1,202	1,129
Special rates and charges	332	313
TOTAL RATES AND CHARGES	13,227	12,570

The date of the latest general revaluation of land for rating purposes within the municipality was 2015, and the valuation was first applied in the rating year commencing 1 July 2015.

Accounting Policy

Rates are recognised as revenues when Council obtains control over the assets comprising these receipts.

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

NOTE 4 USER CHARGES

	2018/2019	2017/2018
	\$'000	\$'000
Leisure centre fees	223	237
Child care/children's program fees	1,454	1,277
Medical services fees	1,313	1,282
Building services fees	438	540
Visitor Information Centres	529	258
Planning	342	314
Other fees and charges	1,430	1,379
TOTAL USER CHARGES	5,730	5,287

Accounting Policy

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

NOTE 5 GRANTS

	2018/2019	2017/2018
SUMMARY OF GRANTS	\$'000	\$'000
Federally funded grants	4,446	5,265
State funded grants	2,453	241
Other	(29)	201
TOTAL	6,870	5,707
GRANTS - OPERATING		
Family and children	508	509
Tasmanian Health Service		
Other		
TOTAL OPERATING GRANTS	508	509

The Australian Commonwealth Government provides Financial Assistance Grants to Council for general purpose use and the provision of local roads. In both 2017-18 and 2018-19 the Commonwealth made early payment of one quarterly instalment for the following year. In accordance with AASB1004 Contributions, Council recognises these grants as revenue when it receives the funds and obtains control. The early receipt of instalment resulted in Commonwealth Government Financial Assistance Grants being above that originally budgeted in 2018-19. This has impacted the Statement of Comprehensive Income resulting in the Surplus/(deficit) being higher in 2018-19 by the same amount.

CAPITAL GRANTS RECEIVED SPECIFICALLY FOR NEW OR UPGRADED ASSETS	2018/2019	2017/2018
	\$'000	\$'000
Commonwealth Government Financial Assistance Grants - General Purpose	3,654	3,679
Commonwealth Government - roads to recovery		1,406
Community	4	51
Transport	1,880	5
Other	824	56
TOTAL CAPITAL GRANTS	6,362	5,198

CONDITIONS ON GRANTS

Non-reciprocal grants recognised as revenue during the year that were obtained on condition that they be expended in a specified manner that had not occurred at balance date were:

Recreation	90	15
Other	2,695	36
TOTAL	2,786	51

Accounting Policy

Grants are recognised as revenues when Council obtains control over the assets comprising these receipts.

Where grants recognised as revenues during the financial year were obtained on condition that they be expended in a particular manner or used over a particular period and those conditions were undischarged at balance date, the unused grant is also disclosed. The note also discloses the amount of unused grant or contribution from prior years that was expended on Council's operations during the current year.

A liability is recognised in respect of revenue that is reciprocal in nature to the extent that the requisite service has not been provided at balance date and conditions include a requirement to refund unused contributions. Revenue is then recognised as the various performance obligations under an agreement are fulfilled. Council does not currently have any reciprocal grants.

NOTE 6 NON-MONETARY ASSETS RECOGNISED FOR THE FIRST TIME

	2018/2019	2017/2018
	\$'000	\$'000
Roads, Footpath, Kerb and Land	1,709	
Other	250	
TOTAL NON-MONETARY ASSETS RECOGNISED FOR THE FIRST TIME	1,959	

NOTE 7 INTEREST

	2018/2019	2017/2018
	\$'000	\$'000
Interest on cash and cash equivalents	256	248
TOTAL INTEREST	256	248

Accounting Policy

Interest is recognised progressively as it is earned.

NOTE 8 OTHER INCOME

	2018/2019	2017/2018
	\$'000	\$'000
Public Open Space	45	57
Visitor Information Centre	39	35
Private Works	41	369
Geeveston Town Hall	57	412
Miscellaneous Income	612	1,060
TOTAL OTHER INCOME	794	1,933

Accounting Policy

Contributions (including developer contributions) are recognised as revenues when Council obtains control over the assets comprising these receipts.

Revenue is recognised when Council obtains control of the contribution or the right to receive the contribution, it is probable that the economic benefits comprising the contribution will flow to Council and the amount of the contribution can be measured reliably. Control over granted assets is normally obtained upon their receipt (or acquittal) or upon earlier notification that a grant has been secured, and are valued at their fair value at the date of transfer.

Non-monetary contributions (including developer contributions) with a value in excess of the recognition thresholds, are recognised as revenue and as non-current assets. Non-monetary contributions below the thresholds are recorded as revenue and expenditure is recorded in the statements or part of an asset.

Rentals:

Rents are recognised as revenue when the payment is due or the payment is received, whichever first occurs. Rental payments received in advance are recognised as a prepayment until they are due.

Operating leases as lessor:

Council is a lessor and enters into agreements with a number of lessees. These include commercial and non-commercial agreements.

Where leases are non-commercial agreements, these are generally with not for profit, such as sporting, organisations. In these cases subsidised or peppercorn rents are charged because Council recognises part of its role is community service and community support. In these situations, Council records lease revenue on an accruals basis and records the associated properties as part of land and buildings within property, plant and equipment. Buildings are recognised at depreciated replacement cost.

Where leases are commercial agreements, but properties leased are part of properties predominantly used by Council for its own purposes, Council records lease revenue on an accruals basis and records the associated properties as part of land and buildings within property, plant and equipment. Buildings are recognised at depreciated replacement cost.

NOTE 9 NET GAIN/(LOSS) ON DISPOSAL OF NON CURRENT ASSETS

	2018/2019	2017/2018
	\$'000	\$'000
Proceeds from sales and trade in of plant and vehicles	180	247
Less: Written down Value	(90)	(162)
Net gain/(loss) on plant and vehicles	90	85
Proceeds from sales of Land	535	
Less: Carrying Value	(555)	
Net gain/(loss) on land	(20)	
Bridges	(216)	(244)
Roads, Footpath, and Kerb	(375)	(1,768)
Other assets	35	(203)
	(486)	(2,130)

Accounting Policy

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

NOTE 10 INVESTMENT REVENUE FROM WATER CORPORATION

	2018/2019	2017/2018
	\$'000	\$'000
Dividend revenue received	222	392
Tax equivalent received	144	188
Guarantee fee received	28	58
TOTAL INVESTMENT REVENUE FROM WATER CORPORATION	395	638

Accounting Policy

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

NOTE 11 EMPLOYEE COSTS

	2018/2019	2017/2018
	\$'000	\$'000
Wages and salaries	10,974	9,379
Workers' compensation	62	3
Annual leave and long service leave	981	966
Less capitalised expenses	(1,457)	(883)
TOTAL EMPLOYEE COSTS	10,559	9,464

Accounting Policy

Expenses are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income when a decrease in future economic benefits related to a decrease in asset or an increase of a liability has arisen that can be measured reliably.

Employee benefits include, where applicable, entitlements to wages and salaries, annual leave, sick leave, long service leave, superannuation and any other post-employment benefits.

NOTE 12 DEPRECIATION AND AMORTISATION

	2018/2019	2017/2018
	\$'000	\$'000
Buildings	704	616
Building contents	42	117
Intangibles	36	26
Plant and machinery	696	568
Stormwater	227	207
Roads	3,867	3,379
Bridges	356	372
Footpaths	86	82
Kerb	164	103
Car Parks	254	113
Street Furniture	144	181
Walking Tracks	38	37
Marine Facilities	34	39
Playgrounds	91	82
Sporting Facilities	51	50
TOTAL DEPRECIATION AND AMORTISATION	6,787	5,969

Accounting Policy

Expenses are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income when a decrease in future economic benefits related to a decrease in asset or an increase of a liability has arisen that can be measured reliably.

Buildings, land improvements, plant and equipment, infrastructure and other assets having limited useful lives are systematically depreciated over their useful lives to the Council in a manner which reflects consumption of the service potential embodied in those assets. Estimates of remaining useful lives and residual values are made on a regular basis with major asset classes reassessed annually. Depreciation rates and methods are reviewed annually.

Where assets have separate identifiable components that are subject to regular replacement, these components are assigned distinct useful lives and residual values and a separate depreciation rate is determined for each component.

Land, Parks and Gardens are not depreciated.

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

Asset Class	Useful Life
Buildings	10-200
Building contents	3-20
Intangibles	3-20
Plant and machinery	4-10
Stormwater	50-100
Roads	5-100
Bridges	30-100
Footpaths	20-80
Kerb	80
Car Parks	25
Street Furniture	10-30
Walking Tracks	15-100
Marine Facilities	25-100
Playgrounds	20-80
Sporting Facilities	15-100

NOTE 13 OTHER EXPENSES

	2018/2019	2017/2018
	\$'000	\$'000
Tasmanian Fire Service Levy	567	532
Payroll Tax	639	669
Land Tax	101	97
Liability & Property Insurance	251	255
Legal Fees	36	53
Advertising & Marketing	105	92
Bank Charges	61	51
Subscriptions	116	98
Postage	42	43
Commissioner/Councillor Allowance	222	218
Auditors remuneration	38	39
Election Costs	99	
Board Of Enquiry	112	112
Geeveston Town Hall	106	422
Waste Management	1,064	932
Community Engagement		51
Hydraulic Modelling Study		180
Other	1,123	1,134
TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES	4,680	4,977

Accounting Policy

Expenses are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income when a decrease in future economic benefits related to a decrease in asset or an increase of a liability has arisen that can be measured reliably.

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

NOTE 14 INVESTMENT IN WATER CORPORATION

	2018/2019	2017/2018
	\$'000	\$'000
Carrying Value	32,755	32,335
Change in fair value of investment	4,802	420
TOTAL INVESTMENT IN WATER CORPORATION	37,557	32,755

Accounting policy under AASB 9 - applicable from 1 July 2018

As Council's investment in TasWater is held for long-term strategic purposes, Council has elected under AASB 9: Financial Instruments to irrevocably classify this equity investment as designated as fair value through other comprehensive income. Subsequent changes in fair value on designated investments in equity instruments are recognised in other comprehensive income (for fair value reserve, refer note 23) and not reclassified through the profit or loss when derecognised. Dividends associated with the equity investments are recognised in profit and loss when the right of payment has been established and it can be reliably measured.

Fair value was determined by using Council's ownership interest against the water corporation's net asset value at balance date. At 30 June 2019, Council now holds a 2.02% ownership interest in TasWater (2.04% in 2017/18) which is based on Schedule 2 of the Corporation's Constitution which reflects the Council's voting rights.

Accounting policy under AASB 139 - applicable for 2018 comparative

Council's investment in TasWater is valued at its fair value determined by Council's ownership interest against the water corporation's net asset value at balance date. Any unrealised gains and losses are recognised through the Statement of Comprehensive Income to an Available-for-sale Fair value reserve each year (refer note 23).

Council has classified this asset as an Available-for-sale financial asset as defined in AASB 139 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement and has followed AASB 132 Financial Instruments: Presentation and AASB 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosures to value and present the asset in the financial report. Council's investment is not traded in an active market and is only sensitive to fluctuations in the value of TasWater's net assets.

NOTE 15 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2018/2019	2017/2018
	\$'000	\$'000
Cash at bank and on hand	1,344	386
Management Committees (Note 28)	231	197
Geeveston Town Hall Company	4	14
Term deposits	12,673	9,245
TOTAL CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	14,252	9,841

Accounting Policy

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

Investments, other than investments in associates and property, are measured at cost.

A percentage of cash and cash equivalents is restricted and tied to specific projects.

NOTE 16 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	2018/2019	2017/2018
	\$'000	\$'000
Rate Debtors	332	352
Other Debtors	721	922
Provision for Impairment		(12)
Provision for expected credit loss	(12)	
TOTAL TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES	1,042	1,262

Reconciliation of movement in expected credit loss	
Carrying amount at 30 June 2018 under AASB 139	12
Amounts restated through accumulated funds	
Carrying amount at 01 July under AASB 9	12
Amounts written off during the year	
Amounts recovered during the year	
Increase/(decrease in provision recognised in profit or loss)	
Carrying amount at 30 June 2019	12

Accounting Policy

Trade receivables that do not contain a significant financing component are measured at amortised cost, which represents their transaction value. Impairment is recognised on an expected credit loss (ECL) basis. When determining whether the credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition, and when estimating the ECL, Council considers reasonable and supportable information that is relevant and available without undue cost or effort. This includes both quantitative and qualitative information and analysis based on Council's historical experience, an informed credit assessment and forward-looking information. Council has established a provision matrix to facilitate the impairment assessment. For rate debtors, Council takes the view that unpaid rates represent a charge against the rateable property that will be recovered when the property is next sold. For non-rate debtors, Council uses the presumptions that assets more than 30 days past due have a significant increase in credit risk and those more than 90 days will likely be in default. Council writes off receivables when there is information indicating that the debtor is in severe financial difficulty and there is no realistic prospect of recovery.

NOTE 17 INVENTORIES

	2018/2019	2017/2018
	\$'000	\$'000
Inventories held for distribution	36	153
Inventories held for sale	133	44
TOTAL INVENTORIES	169	197

Accounting Policy

Inventories held for distribution are measured at cost adjusted when applicable for any loss of service potential. Other inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Where inventories are acquired at no cost, or for nominal consideration, the cost shall be the current replacement cost as at the date of acquisition.

NOTE 18 OTHER ASSETS

	2018/2019	2017/2018
	\$'000	\$'000
Prepayments	35	33
Deposits	15	15
TOTAL OTHER ASSETS	50	48

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NOTE 19a PROPERTY, INFRASTRUCTURE, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	2018/2019	2017/2018
	\$'000	\$'000
SUMMARY		
at cost at 30 June	6,711	6,797
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(3,625)</u>	<u>(3,379)</u>
	<u>3,086</u>	<u>3,418</u>
at fair value at 30 June	346,998	336,049
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(134,456)</u>	<u>(129,401)</u>
	<u>212,542</u>	<u>206,648</u>
TOTAL	<u>215,628</u>	<u>210,066</u>
Land		
at Fair Value	<u>16,469</u>	<u>16,989</u>
	<u>16,469</u>	<u>16,989</u>
Land Under Roads		
at Fair Value	<u>22,952</u>	<u>22,577</u>
	<u>22,952</u>	<u>22,577</u>
Buildings		
at Fair Value	58,898	57,180
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(26,990)</u>	<u>(25,566)</u>
	<u>31,907</u>	<u>31,614</u>
Building Contents		
at Fair Value	1,903	1,392
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(1,051)</u>	<u>(1,009)</u>
	<u>852</u>	<u>382</u>
Intangibles		
at Fair Value	321	321
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(280)</u>	<u>(245)</u>
	<u>41</u>	<u>77</u>
Plant and Machinery		
at Cost	6,711	6,797
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(3,625)</u>	<u>(3,379)</u>
	<u>3,086</u>	<u>3,418</u>
Stormwater		
at Fair Value	16,481	15,086
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(5,106)</u>	<u>(4,742)</u>
	<u>11,375</u>	<u>10,345</u>
Roads		
at Fair Value	168,565	163,127
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(82,321)</u>	<u>(79,755)</u>
	<u>86,244</u>	<u>83,372</u>
Bridges		
at Fair Value	31,927	31,838
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(9,781)</u>	<u>(9,568)</u>
	<u>22,145</u>	<u>22,270</u>

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NOTE 19a PROPERTY, INFRASTRUCTURE, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	2018/2019 \$'000	2017/2018 \$'000
Footpath		
at Fair Value	6,443	6,031
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(1,183)</u>	<u>(1,163)</u>
	<u>5,260</u>	<u>4,867</u>
Kerb		
at Fair Value	7,873	7,338
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(1,821)</u>	<u>(1,904)</u>
	<u>6,052</u>	<u>5,434</u>
Car Parks		
at Fair Value	2,967	2,641
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(1,129)</u>	<u>(1,057)</u>
	<u>1,839</u>	<u>1,585</u>
Street Furniture		
at Fair Value	2,475	2,290
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(1,414)</u>	<u>(1,245)</u>
	<u>1,060</u>	<u>1,045</u>
Walking Tracks		
at Fair Value	894	816
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(346)</u>	<u>(271)</u>
	<u>548</u>	<u>545</u>
Marine Facilities		
at Fair Value	1,615	1,382
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(379)</u>	<u>(379)</u>
	<u>1,237</u>	<u>1,003</u>
Playgrounds		
at Fair Value	2,614	2,550
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(668)</u>	<u>(561)</u>
	<u>1,946</u>	<u>1,990</u>
Sporting Facilities		
at Fair Value	3,676	3,567
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(1,987)</u>	<u>(1,936)</u>
	<u>1,689</u>	<u>1,630</u>
Parks		
at Fair Value	924	924
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	<u>924</u>	<u>924</u>
PROPERTY, INFRASTRUCTURE, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	<u>215,628</u>	<u>210,066</u>

Valuation of assets is covered in note 32.

All other asset classes were valued in 2016 at construction values and indexed accordingly each year. Formal valuation of these asset classes is undertaken every five years.

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NOTE 19b PROPERTY, INFRASTRUCTURE, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Reconciliation of property, infrastructure, plant and equipment

	Opening Value	Additions	Disposals	Infrastructure Take Up	Asset Revaluation	Depreciation	Balance at End of Financial Year
2019	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Land	16,989	25	(555)		10		16,469
Land Under Roads	22,577			375			22,952
Buildings	31,614	283			714	(704)	31,907
Building contents	382	511				(42)	852
Intangibles	77					(36)	41
Plant and Machinery	3,418	453	(90)			(696)	3,086
Stormwater	10,345	785	(51)	281	241	(227)	11,375
Roads	83,372	6,364	(464)	840		(3,867)	86,244
Bridges	22,270	447	(216)			(356)	22,145
Footpaths	4,867	261	(74)	100	191	(86)	5,260
Kerbs	5,434	593	(70)	114	145	(164)	6,052
Car Parks	1,585	481	(17)		44	(254)	1,839
Street furniture	1,045	135	(2)		27	(144)	1,060
Walking tracks	545	80	(14)		(25)	(38)	548
Marine facilities	1,003	9	(21)	250	30	(34)	1,237
Playgrounds	1,990				47	(91)	1,946
Sporting Facilities	1,630				110	(51)	1,689
Parks & Gardens	924						924
Total	210,066	10,430	(1,573)	1,959	1,533	(6,787)	215,628

	Opening Value	Additions	Disposals	Infrastructure Take Up	Asset Revaluation	Depreciation	Balance at End of Financial Year
2018	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Land	16,774	215					16,989
Land Under Roads	22,577						22,577
Buildings	33,142	1,201	(25)		(2,088)	(616)	31,614
Building contents	240	259				(117)	382
Intangibles	102					(26)	77
Plant and Machinery	3,314	860	(162)		(26)	(568)	3,418
Stormwater	10,146	409	(3)		(1)	(207)	10,345
Roads	83,171	5,277	(1,701)		5	(3,379)	83,372
Bridges	22,256	578	(244)		51	(372)	22,270
Footpaths	4,730	274	(36)		(18)	(82)	4,867
Kerbs	5,346	227	(30)		(7)	(103)	5,434
Car Parks	1,557	95	(3)		48	(113)	1,585
Street furniture	1,259	140			(173)	(181)	1,045
Walking tracks	521	60			1	(37)	545
Marine facilities	991	77	(31)		5	(39)	1,003
Playgrounds	1,168	1,066	(122)		(41)	(82)	1,990
Sporting Facilities	1,465	185	(20)		50	(50)	1,630
Parks & Gardens	924						924
Total	209,684	10,923	(2,377)		(2,195)	(5,969)	210,066

Accounting Policy

Acquisition and Recognition:

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

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

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

The following thresholds have been adopted for the purpose of recognising non-current assets:

	Threshold
Land	\$1
Buildings	\$5,000
Building Contents	\$1,000
Intangibles	\$1,000
Plant & Machinery	\$1,000
Infrastructure Assets	\$5,000

Assets valued at less than the adopted thresholds are charged to the Statement of Comprehensive Income in the year of purchase (other than when they form part of a group of similar items which are material in total).

Revaluation:

Subsequent to the initial recognition of assets, non-current physical assets, other than plant and equipment, are measured at their fair value in accordance with AASB 116 Property, Plant & Equipment and AASB 13 Fair Value Measurement. At balance date, Council reviewed the carrying value of the individual classes of assets measured at fair value to ensure that each asset class materially approximated its fair value. Where the carrying value materially differed from the fair value at balance date the class of asset was revalued.

In addition, Council undertakes a formal revaluation of land, buildings, and infrastructure assets on a regular basis to ensure valuations represent fair value. The valuation is performed either by experienced Council officers or independent experts.

Fair value valuations are determined in accordance with a valuation hierarchy. Changes to the valuation hierarchy will only occur if an external change in the restrictions or limitations of use on an asset result in changes to the permissible or practical highest and best use of the asset. Further details regarding the fair value hierarchy are disclosed at note 32.

Where the assets are revalued, the revaluation increments are credited directly to the asset revaluation reserve except to the extent that an increment reverses a prior year decrement for that class of asset that had been recognised as an expense in which case the increment is recognised as revenue up to the amount of the expense. Revaluation decrements are recognised as an expense except where prior increments are included in the asset revaluation surplus for that class of asset in which case the decrement is taken to the reserve to the extent of the remaining increments. Within the same class of assets, revaluation increments and decrements within the year are offset.

Land Under Roads:

Council recognised the value of land under roads it controls at fair value.

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NOTE 20a TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	2018/2019	2017/2018
	\$'000	\$'000
Trade payables	918	1,033
Accrued Expenses	418	416
	<u>1,336</u>	<u>1,449</u>

NOTE 20b BORROWINGS

	2018/2019	2017/2018
	\$'000	\$'000
Current borrowings	268	
Non-current borrowings	1,142	
	<u>1,410</u>	<u></u>

Accounting Policy

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

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

NOTE 21 TRUST FUNDS AND DEPOSITS

	2018/2019	2017/2018
	\$'000	\$'000
Waste Management Bond	100	100
	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>

NOTE 22 PROVISIONS

	2018/2019	2017/2018
CURRENT	\$'000	\$'000
Long Service Leave Provision	866	816
Annual Leave & Leave Loading Provision	1,019	931
Retirement Village - Entrance Fees	22	21
Quarry Rehabilitation	50	50
	1,957	1,818
NON CURRENT		
Long Service Leave Provision	122	51
	122	51

Summary of Provision movements

	Annual leave	Long service leave	Other	Total
	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000
2019				
Balance at beginning of the financial year	931	816	71	1,868
Additional provisions	931	287	1	1,219
Amounts used	(843)	(115)		(958)
Balance at the end of the financial year	1,019	988	72	2,078
2018				
Balance at beginning of the financial year	970	656	79	1,756
Additional provisions	705	331		1,037
Amounts used	(745)	(172)	(8)	(924)
Balance at the end of the financial year	931	816	71	1,868

Accounting Policy

Short term obligations:

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

Other long term employee benefit obligations:

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

The obligations are presented as current liabilities in the Statement of Financial Position if the entity does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, regardless of when the actual settlement is expected to occur.

Sick Leave:

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

Classification of employee benefits:

An employee benefit liability is classified as a current liability if the Council does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the end of the period. This includes all annual leave and unconditional long service leave entitlements.

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NOTE 23 RESERVES

A) ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE

2019	Balance at beginning of reporting year \$'000	Increments \$'000	Decrements \$'000	Balance at end of reporting year \$'000
Land	12,041	10		12,051
Buildings & Building Contents	11,657	714		12,371
Stormwater	2,781	241		3,022
Roads	49,508			49,508
Water & Sewerage	11,143			11,143
Bridges	22,205			22,205
Footpaths	521	191		712
Kerbs	733	145		878
Car Parks	211	44		255
Street furniture	(24)	27		2
Walking tracks	45		(25)	20
Marine facilities	165	30		195
Playgrounds	(7)	47		41
Sporting Facilities	116	110		226
Plant & Equipment	(26)			(26)
Total	111,068	1,559	(25)	112,602

2018	Balance at beginning of reporting year \$'000	Increments \$'000	Decrements \$'000	Balance at end of reporting year \$'000
Land	12,041			12,041
Buildings & Building Contents	13,745		(2,088)	11,657
Stormwater	2,782		(1)	2,781
Roads	49,503	5		49,508
Water & Sewerage	11,143			11,143
Bridges	22,154	51		22,205
Footpaths	539		(18)	521
Kerbs	740		(7)	733
Car Parks	163	48		211
Street furniture	149		(173)	(24)
Walking tracks	44	1		45
Marine facilities	160	5		165
Playgrounds	34		(41)	(7)
Sporting Facilities	66	50		116
Plant & Equipment			(26)	(26)
Total	113,263	160	(2,354)	111,068

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

B) FAIR VALUE RESERVE

	Balance at beginning of reporting year \$'000	Increments \$'000	Decrements \$'000	Balance at end of reporting year \$'000
2019				
Equity investment assets				
Investment in water corporation	(3,738)	4,802		1,064
Total fair value reserve	(3,738)	4,802		1,064

	Balance at beginning of reporting year \$'000	Increments \$'000	Decrements \$'000	Balance at end of reporting year \$'000
2018				
Equity investment assets				
Investment in water corporation	(4,158)	420		(3,738)
Total fair value reserve	(4,158)	420		(3,738)

The available-for-sale financial asset reserve was established to capture the fair value movements in Council's Water Corporation investment.

Fair value reserve was created at the transfer of assets to the Water Corporation.

C) OTHER RESERVES

	Balance at beginning of reporting year \$'000	Increments \$'000	Decrements \$'000	Balance at end of reporting year \$'000
2019				
Other reserves	7,982	3,869		11,851
Total other reserve	7,982	3,869		11,851

	Balance at beginning of reporting year \$'000	Increments \$'000	Decrements \$'000	Balance at end of reporting year \$'000
2018				
Other reserves	9,780		(1,798)	7,982
Total other reserve	9,780		(1,798)	7,982

Other reserves consist of funds allocated which remain unspent at 30 June 2019 and are therefore carried forward.

TOTAL RESERVES

	Balance at beginning of reporting year \$'000	Increments \$'000	Decrements \$'000	Balance at end of reporting year \$'000
2019	115,312	10,230	(25)	125,517
2018	118,885	579	(4,152)	115,312

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NOTE 24a RECONCILIATION OF CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES TO SURPLUS

	2018/2019	2017/2018
	\$'000	\$'000
Result from continuing operations	3,531	(939)
Depreciation	6,787	5,969
Loss/(Profit) on sale of assets	486	2,130
Loss/(Gain) on revaluation	(31)	1,775
Capital Grants	(6,362)	(5,198)
Cash Receipts and Payments for Deposits		(55)
Contributions - non monetary assets	(1,959)	
Changes in assets and liabilities		
(Increase)/Decrease in receivables	220	85
(Increase)/Decrease in inventories	28	23
(Increase)/Decrease in other assets	38	51
Increase/(Decrease) in payables	(113)	273
Increase/(Decrease) in provisions	210	(153)
	(695)	4,900
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	2,836	3,961

NOTE 24b RECONCILIATION OF LIABILITIES ARISING FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES

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

	2018/2019	2017/2018
	\$'000	\$'000
Balance as at 01 July		
Changes from financing cash flows:		
Cash received	1,410	
Cash repayments		
Balance as at 30 June	1,410	
NET CASH PROVIDED BY FINANCING ACTIVITIES	1,410	

NOTE 25 RECONCILIATION OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2018/2019	2017/2018
	\$'000	\$'000
Cash at bank and on hand at end of reporting period	1,344	386
Management Committees	231	197
Geeveston Town Hall Company	4	14
Current investments at end of reporting period	12,673	9,245
TOTAL RECONCILIATION OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	14,252	9,841

NOTE 26 COMMITMENTS

Contractual commitments at the end of financial year but not recognised in the financial report are as follows and are due and payable within the period stated.

	2018/2019
Expiry Date	Commitment Amount
	\$'000
Facility Cleaning	392
Facility Cleaning	105
Kerbside Collection	957

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NOTE 27 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

(a) Accounting Policy, terms and conditions

Recognised financial instruments			
instruments	Note	Accounting Policy	Terms and Conditions
Financial assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	15	Cash on hand and at bank and money market call account are valued at face value. Interest is recognised as it accrues.	On call deposits returned a floating interest rate of 1.25% (1.50% in 2017/18). The interest rate at balance date was 1.25% (1.50% in 2017/18). Funds returned fixed interest rate of between 2.80% (2.90% in 2017/18), and 1.98% (2.40% in 2017/18) net of fees.
Investments		Investments are held to maximise interest returns of surplus cash. Interest revenues are recognised as they accrue. Managed funds are measured at market value.	
Receivables	16	Receivables are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method. A provision for impairment is recognised when there is objective evidence that an impairment loss has occurred. Collectability of overdue accounts is assessed on an ongoing basis.	General debtors are unsecured and arrears however do not attract an interest rate. Credit terms are based on 30 days. Rates debtors are fully secured and do not form part of general debtors in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993.
Financial Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	20 & 21	Liabilities are recognised for amounts to be paid in the future for goods and services provided to Council as at balance date whether or not invoices have been received.	General Creditors are unsecured, not subject to interest charges and are normally settled within 30 days of invoice receipt.
Borrowings	20b	Council borrowings are measured at amortised cost with interest recognised in profit or loss when incurred. The fair value of borrowings disclosed in note 27(c) is provided by Tascorp.	

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NOTE 27 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

(b) Interest Rate Risk

The exposure to interest rate risk and the effective interest rates of financial assets and financial liabilities, both recognised and unrecognised, at balance date are as follows:

2019

	Weighted average interest rate	Floating interest rate \$'000	Fixed interest maturing in:			Non-interest bearing \$'000	Total \$'000
			1 year or less \$'000	Over 1 to 5 years \$'000	More than 5 years \$'000		
Financial assets							
Cash and cash equivalents	2.21%	1,344	12,673			235	14,252
Investment in Water Corporation						37,557	37,557
Receivables	3.18%	332				709	1,042
Total financial assets		1,676	12,673			38,502	52,851
Financial liabilities							
Payables						1,336	1,336
Trust fund and deposits						100	100
Interest-bearing liabilities			1,410				1,410
Total financial liabilities			1,410			1,436	2,846
Net financial assets (liabilities)		1,676	12,673	(1,410)		37,065	50,004

2018

	Weighted average interest rate	Floating interest rate \$'000	Fixed interest maturing in:			Non-interest bearing \$'000	Total \$'000
			1 year or less \$'000	Over 1 to 5 years \$'000	More than 5 years \$'000		
Financial assets							
Cash and cash equivalents	2.41%	386	9,245			211	9,841
Investment in Water Corporation						32,755	32,755
Receivables	2.79%	352				910	1,262
Total financial assets		738	9,245			33,875	43,858
Financial liabilities							
Payables						1,449	1,449
Trust fund and deposits						100	100
Interest-bearing liabilities							
Total financial liabilities						1,549	1,549
Net financial assets (liabilities)		738	9,245			32,326	42,309

(c) Net Fair Values

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

Financial Instruments	Carrying amount as per Balance Sheet		Aggregate net fair value	
	2019	2018	2019	2018
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Financial assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	14,252	9,841	14,252	9,841
Investment in Water Corporation	37,557	32,755	37,557	32,755
Trade and other receivables	1,042	1,262	1,042	1,262
Total financial assets	52,851	43,858	52,851	43,858
Financial liabilities				
Trade and other payables	1,336	1,449	1,336	1,449
Trust fund and deposits	100	100	100	100
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings	1,410		1,440	
Total financial liabilities	2,846	1,549	2,876	1,549

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NOTE 27 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

(d) Credit Risk

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

(e) Risks and mitigation

The risks associated with our main financial instruments and our policies for minimising these risks are detailed below.

Market risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of our financial instruments will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. Council's exposures to market risk are primarily through interest rate risk with only insignificant exposure to other price risks and no exposure to foreign currency risk. Components of market risk to which we are exposed are discussed below.

Interest rate risk

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

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

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

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

Credit risk

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

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

Credit risk arises from Council's financial assets, which comprise cash and cash equivalents, and trade and other receivables. Council's exposure to credit risk arises from potential default of the counterparty, with a maximum exposure equal to the carrying amount of these instruments. Exposure at balance date is addressed in each applicable policy note.

Council generally trades with recognised, creditworthy third parties, and as such collateral is generally not requested, nor is it Council's policy to securities its trade and other receivables.

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

Movement in Provisions for expected credit loss of Trade and Other Receivables

	2019	2018
	\$'000	\$'000
Balance at the beginning of the year	12	12
New Provisions recognised during the year		
Expected credit loss		
Amounts already provided for and written off as uncollectible		
Amounts provided for but recovered during the year		
Balance at end of year	<u>12</u>	<u>12</u>

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NOTE 27 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Ageing of Receivables

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

	2019 \$'000	2018 \$'000
Current (not yet due)	380	730
Past due by up to 30 days	1	170
Past due between 31 and 180 days	188	339
Past due between 181 and 365 days	5	13
Past due by more than 1 year	468	11
Total Trade & Other Receivables	1,042	1,262

Liquidity risk

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

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

To help reduce these risks we:

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

The Councils exposure to liquidity risk is deemed insignificant based on prior periods' data and current assessment of risk.

The table below lists the contractual maturities for Financial Liabilities.

These amounts represent undiscounted gross payments including both principal and interest amounts.

2019	6 mths	6-12	1-2	>2	Contracted	Carrying
	or less	months	years	years	Cash Flow	Amount
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Payables	1,436				1,436	1,436
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings				1,410	1,410	1,410
Total financial liabilities	1,436			1,410	2,846	2,846

2018	6 mths	6-12	1-2	>2	Contracted	Carrying
	or less	months	years	years	Cash Flow	Amount
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Payables	1,549				1,549	1,549
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings						
Total financial liabilities	1,549				1,549	1,549

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NOTE 27 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

(f) Sensitivity disclosure analysis

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

- A parallel shift of + 1% and -1% in market interest rates (AUD) from year-end weighted-average rates of 2.21%.

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

		Interest rate risk			
		-1%		+1%	
		-100	basis points	+100	basis points
		Profit	Equity	Profit	Equity
2019	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Financial assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	14,252	(139)	(139)	139	139
Receivables	1,042				
Financial liabilities:					
Borrowings	1,142				

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NOTE 28 SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Council has confirmed the continued operation of Special Committees of Council formed to operate certain Council halls, recreation grounds and other facilities.

	Opening Balance	New Committees	Receipts	Payments	Closing Balance
Management Committees	30/06/2018				30/06/2019
Cradoc Cemetery Committee	2,555				2,555
Cradoc Park	9,328		5,924	4,102	11,150
Cygnets Town Hall Committee	13,974		22,378	18,846	17,506
Dover Oval Clubrooms	3,836		5,090	1,271	7,655
Geeveston Community Hall	3,995		4,381	4,034	4,342
Glen Huon Hall	10,037		12,319	7,432	14,923
Huonville Guide & Scout Hall	10,319		6,761	4,048	13,032
Judbury Community Centre	18,609		19,001	22,418	15,192
Palais Theatre	77,761		46,843	37,731	86,874
Pelverata Hall	6,599		3,172	2,913	6,859
Ranelagh Hall	13,601		9,459	5,174	17,885
Southport Community Centre	17,153		13,067	10,867	19,353
Surges Bay Hall	4,434		2,552	1,346	5,641
Tasmanian Forest Memorial	3,825		322	1,655	2,493
Far South Memorial	798			270	528
Mountain River Hall Management		3,345	2,395	765	4,975
Other General Committees					
Total	196,824	3,345	153,663	122,869	230,962

The transactions relating to the operation of these committees have not been consolidated into the financial statements of the Council due to their immateriality.

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NOTE 29 CONTINGENT ASSETS & LIABILITIES

Council has recognised the 2019 Bushfire Disaster costs as expenditure during the 2018/19 financial year to the value of \$430,000. An unspecified amount of this expenditure may be recoverable, however due to the uncertainty of the amount it has not been recognised as an asset.

Council is aware of no incidents or actions that may cause future liabilities. Any other existing claims against Council are covered by policies of insurance, and the maximum limits of the liability, as set out in those policies is believed to be adequate to meet all contingencies of those claims without financial liability on Council. Council's maximum liability per claim is \$10,000.

NOTE 30 EVENTS AFTER BALANCE DATE

The legal action taken as a result of the Collateralised Debt Obligation investment losses was completed post 30 June 2019. The recovered amount of \$2,371,181.24 will be recorded in the 2019/2020 financial year.

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NOTE 31 MANAGEMENT INDICATORS

Management indicators	Benchmark	2019 \$'000	2018 \$'000	2017 \$'000	2016 \$'000	2015 \$'000
(a) Underlying surplus or deficit						
Recurrent income* less		24,078	24,934	24,184	24,234	22,418
recurrent expenditure		24,409	23,407	23,177	21,587	21,031
Underlying surplus/deficit	>0	<u>(331)</u>	<u>1,527</u>	<u>1,007</u>	<u>2,647</u>	<u>1,387</u>

* Recurrent income excludes income received specifically for new or upgraded assets, physical resources received free of charge or other income of a capital nature.

2018/2019 recurrent income includes the prepayment of Federal Assistance Grants received in advance. 2017/2018 recurrent income includes the prepayment of untied Federal Assistance Grants received in advance of \$1,855,044 during the 2017/2018 year applicable for 2018/2019. 2016/2017 recurrent income includes the prepayment of untied Federal Assistance Grants received in advance of \$1,769,147 during the 2016/2017 year applicable for 2017/2018. No prepayment of untied Federal Assistance Grants has been received in advance in 2015/2016. 2014/2015 recurrent income includes the prepayment of untied Federal Assistance Grants received in advance of \$1,584,244 during the 2014/2015 year applicable for 2015/2016.

(b) Underlying surplus ratio

<u>Underlying surplus or deficit</u>	<u>(331)</u>	<u>1,527</u>	<u>1,007</u>	<u>2,647</u>	<u>1,387</u>
Recurrent income*	24,078	24,934	24,184	24,234	22,418
Underlying surplus ratio %	-1.37%	6.12%	4.17%	10.92%	6.19%

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

The underlying surplus has been adjusted in years 2015-2019 to take into account the prepayment of untied Federal Assistance Grants received in advance of \$1,852,499, \$1,855,044 during 2017/2018, \$1,769,174 during the 2016/2017 year, and \$1,584,244 during the 2014/2015 year.

(c) Net financial liabilities

Liquid assets less	15,412	11,249	12,814	10,697	10,194
total liabilities	<u>4,925</u>	<u>3,418</u>	<u>3,297</u>	<u>3,321</u>	<u>3,428</u>
Net financial liabilities	<u>10,487</u>	<u>7,830</u>	<u>9,517</u>	<u>7,376</u>	<u>6,766</u>

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

(d) Net financial liabilities ratio

<u>Net financial liabilities</u>	<u>10,487</u>	<u>7,830</u>	<u>9,517</u>	<u>7,376</u>	<u>6,766</u>	
Recurrent income*	24,078	24,934	24,184	24,234	22,418	
Net financial liabilities ratio %	0% - (50%)	43.56%	31.40%	39.35%	30.44%	30.18%

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

Council has a positive result against the benchmark, which represents the Council's ability to meet all its financial liabilities from its liquid assets, indicating a strong

		2019 \$'000	2018 \$'000	2017 \$'000	2016 \$'000	2015 \$'000
(e) Asset consumption ratio						
An asset consumption ratio has been calculated in relation to each asset class required to be included in the long-term strategic asset management plan of Council.						
<i>Transport Infrastructure</i>						
<u>Depreciated replacement cost</u>		122,600	118,572	118,320	121,735	139,132
Current replacement cost		220,250	213,264	211,783	209,686	203,366
Asset consumption ratio %	40% - 60%	55.66%	55.60%	55.87%	58.06%	68.41%
<i>Buildings</i>						
<u>Depreciated replacement cost</u>		31,907	31,614	33,142	33,699	31,822
Current replacement cost		58,898	57,180	53,886	53,886	51,566
Asset consumption ratio %	40% - 60%	54.17%	55.29%	61.50%	62.54%	61.71%
<i>Stormwater</i>						
<u>Depreciated replacement cost</u>		11,375	10,345	10,146	10,351	10,431
Current replacement cost		16,481	15,086	14,684	14,684	14,568
Asset consumption ratio %	40% - 60%	69.02%	68.57%	69.10%	70.49%	71.60%

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

This ratio indicates the amount Council has consumed of the service potential of the asset class. This indicates that Council has a low financial sustainability risk.

		2019 \$'000	2018 \$'000	2017 \$'000	2016 \$'000	2015 \$'000
(f) Asset renewal funding ratio						
An asset renewal funding ratio has been calculated in relation to each asset class required to be included in the long-term strategic asset management plan of Council.						
<i>Transport Infrastructure</i>						
<u>Projected capital funding outlays**</u>		48,791	35,879	32,214	29,279	29,386
Projected capital expenditure funding***		48,791	35,879	32,214	29,279	29,386
Asset renewal funding ratio %	90-100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
<i>Buildings</i>						
<u>Projected capital funding outlays**</u>		8,089	6,336	6,336	5,885	5,893
Projected capital expenditure funding***		8,089	6,336	6,336	5,885	5,893
Asset renewal funding ratio %	90-100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
<i>Stormwater</i>						
<u>Projected capital funding outlays**</u>		2,342	2,310	2,310	2,351	2,359
Projected capital expenditure funding***		2,342	2,310	2,310	2,351	2,359
Asset renewal funding ratio %	90-100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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

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

This ratio measures Council's capacity to fund future asset replacement requirements.

Council's long term financial plan indicates that the asset renewal funding ratio is 100%, based on planned expenditure for asset renewal. The long term financial plan forecasts a 100% asset renewal expenditure until 2026/2027 and meets benchmark requirements.

		2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
(g) Asset sustainability ratio						
<u>Capex on replacement/renewal of existing assets</u>		6,707	7,517	7,975	6,978	6,408
Annual depreciation expense		6,787	5,969	6,531	6,231	6,108
Asset sustainability ratio %	100%	99%	126%	122%	112%	105%

This ratio calculates the extent to which Council is maintaining operating capacity through renewal of their existing asset base.

Council is currently above the benchmark of 100%, which indicates Council's ability maintain its investment in its existing assets, which is due to Council's ability to match capital expenditure to the total depreciation costs each year.

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NOTE 32 FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

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

- Investment in water corporation
- Property, infrastructure plant and equipment
- Land and Land under roads
- Buildings, including contents & intangibles
- Roads, including footpaths, kerb & car parks
- Bridges
- Stormwater
- Other infrastructure

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

(a) Fair Value Hierarchy

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

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

The table below shows the assigned level for each asset and liability held at fair value by the Council. The table presents the Council's assets and liabilities measured and recognised at fair value at 30 June 2019.

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

As at 30 June 2019

	Note	Level 1 \$'000	Level 2 \$'000	Level 3 \$'000	Total \$'000
Recurring fair value measurements					
Investment in Water Corporation	14			37,557	37,557
Property, infrastructure plant and equipment	19			3,086	3,086
Land, including land under roads	19		39,422		39,422
Buildings, including contents & intangibles	19			32,800	32,800
Roads, including footpaths, kerb & car parks	19			99,395	99,395
Bridges	19			22,145	22,145
Stormwater	19			11,375	11,375
Other Infrastructure	19			7,405	7,405
			39,422	213,763	253,185

As at 30 June 2018

	Note	Level 1 \$'000	Level 2 \$'000	Level 3 \$'000	Total \$'000
Recurring fair value measurements					
Investment in Water Corporation	14			32,755	32,755
Property, infrastructure plant and equipment	19			3,418	3,418
Land, including land under roads	19		39,566		39,566
Buildings, including contents & intangibles	19			32,073	32,073
Roads, including footpaths, kerb & car parks	19			95,258	95,258
Bridges	19			22,270	22,270
Stormwater	19			10,345	10,345
Other Infrastructure	19			7,137	7,137
			39,566	203,254	242,820

Transfers between levels of the hierarchy

Council's policy is to recognise transfers in and out of the fair value hierarchy levels as at the end of the reporting period.

There were no transfers between levels 1 and 2 during the year, nor between levels 2 and 3.

Reconciliation of Level 3 Fair Value Movements

	2019	2018
	\$'000	\$'000
Opening Balance	203,254	202,835
Net Gains and Losses	5,706	
Other Comprehensive Income	4,802	420
Purchases		
Sales Transfer from other Categories		
Closing Balance	213,763	203,254

(b) Highest and best use

Council considers the current use of its assets to be their highest and best use. Council holds and uses these assets to continue to provide services to the community as mandated by the Local Government Act 1993 and other laws and regulations.

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

Investment in water corporation

Refer to Note 14 for details of valuation techniques used to derive fair values.

Land

Land fair values were determined by the Valuer-General in 2015. Level 2 valuation inputs were used to value land in freehold title as well as land used for special purposes, which is restricted in use under current planning provisions. Sales prices of comparable land sites in close proximity are adjusted for differences in key attributes such as property size. The most significant input into this valuation approach is price per square metre.

Land Under Roads

Land under roads is valued at the average municipal land value. Assumptions and judgements are utilised in determining the value of land under roads. The square metre value of rateable land, as determined by the Valuer-General, is applied to the square metre area of all land under roads.

Buildings

The fair value of buildings were determined by qualified independent valuer Davis Langdon in 2015. Indexation continues to be applied until the next revaluation in 2020.

Council has determined their remaining useful life as the basis for future depreciation.

Infrastructure assets

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

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

The unit rates (labour and materials) and quantities applied to determine the CRC of an asset or asset component were based on the full cost of replacement with a new asset including components that may not need to be replaced, such as earthworks.

The level of accumulated depreciation for infrastructure assets was determined based on the age of the asset and the useful life adopted by Council for the asset type. Estimated useful lives and residual values are disclosed in Note 12.

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

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

Roads, including footpaths, kerb & car parks

Council commissioned Burbury Consulting in 2018 to review Council's unit rates which resulted in confirmation of current rates and the provision of an index rate.

Council categorises its road infrastructure into urban and rural roads and then further sub-categorises these into sealed and unsealed roads. Roads are managed in segments based on the installed or renewed length. All road segments are then componentised into pavement, sub-pavement and seal (where applicable). Council assumes that environmental factors such as soil type, climate and topography are consistent across each segment. Council also assumes a segment is designed and constructed to the same standard and uses a consistent amount of labour and materials.

CRC is based on the road area multiplied by a unit price; the unit price being an estimate of labour and material inputs, services costs, and overhead allocations. For internal construction estimates, material and services prices are based on existing supplier contract rates or supplier price lists and labour wage rates are based on Council's Enterprise Bargaining Agreement (EBA). Where construction is outsourced, CRC is based on the actual cost of the works for the first year and standard replacement rates thereafter.

Bridges

A full valuation of bridges assets was undertaken by independent valuers, AusSpan, effective 30 June 2017. Each bridge is assessed individually and componentised into sub-assets representing the deck and sub-structure. The valuation is based on the material type used for construction and the deck and sub-structure area.

Stormwater

Council commissioned Burbury Consulting in 2018 to review Council's unit rates which resulted in confirmation of current rates and the provision of an index rate. Stormwater assets are managed in segments; pits and pipes being the major components.

Consistent with roads, Council assumes that environmental factors such as soil type, climate and topography are consistent across each segment and that a segment is designed and constructed to the same standard and uses a consistent amount of labour and materials.

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

Other Infrastructure

Other infrastructure is not deemed to be significant in terms of Council's Statement of Financial Position and is valued on a CRC basis.

(d) Valuation processes

Council's current policy for the valuation of property, infrastructure, plant and equipment, investment in water corporation and investment property (recurring fair value measurements) is set out in note 12, 19(b) and 14 respectively.

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

Council has assets and liabilities which are not measured at fair value, but for which fair values are disclosed in other notes. (refer notes 14 -18 and 20-22)

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

Indexation Applied 2018/2019

Assets	Index
Buildings	2.50%
Stormwater	2.50%
Roads	
Bridges	
Footpaths	2.50%
Kerbs	2.50%
Car Parks	2.50%
Street furniture	2.50%
Walking tracks	2.50%
Marine facilities	2.50%
Playgrounds	2.50%
Sporting Facilities	2.50%

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NOTE 33 SIGNIFICANT BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

MEDICAL PRACTICES	2018/19 Actual \$'000	2018/19 Budget \$'000	2017/18 Actual \$'000
Revenues			
User fees	1,313	1,530	1,242
Other Income	202	215	152
	1,515	1,745	1,394
Expenses			
Employee Costs	1,313	1,527	1,187
Administrative Expenses	286	186	238
Utility Costs	22	32	24
	1,621	1,745	1,448
OPERATING PROFIT/(LOSS)	(106)		(55)
COMPETITIVE NEUTRALITY COSTS			
Opportunity Cost of Capital			7
Depreciation			16
Income Tax			
Council Rates			1
			25
RETIREMENT VILLAGES			
	2018/19 Actual \$'000	2018/19 Budget \$'000	2017/18 Actual \$'000
Revenues			
Rental Income	122	126	114
Other Income			
	122	126	114
Expenses			
Employee Costs	17	20	33
Operating Expenses	104	104	80
	121	124	113
OPERATING PROFIT/(LOSS)	1	1	1
COMPETITIVE NEUTRALITY COSTS			
Opportunity Cost of Capital	33		35
Depreciation	52		41
Income Tax			
Council Rates	9		7
	94		84

RV SITES	2018/19 Actual \$'000	2018/19 Budget \$'000	2017/18 Actual \$'000
Revenues			
Other Income	32		39
	32		39
Expenses			
Employee Costs			
Materials & Contractors			
Other Expenses			
OPERATING PROFIT/(LOSS)	32		39
COMPETITIVE NEUTRALITY COSTS			
Opportunity Cost of Capital	3		3
Depreciation			
Income Tax	1		5
Land Tax	3		3
Council Rates	2		2
	9		14

Accounting Policy

Council is required to report the operating capital and competitive neutrality costs in respect of each significant business activity undertaken by the Council.

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NOTE 34 GEEVESTON TOWN HALL CO.

Geeveston Town Hall Company Ltd (GTHC) is an incorporated entity that has been formed by Council to manage and operate the Geeveston Town Hall owned by council. GTHC commenced operations from 2 December 2015.

All GTHC directors are engaged on voluntary basis.

The directors of GTHC are:

Mr Andrew Burgess (Chair of the Board)
 Mr Emilio Reale (Secretary)
 Ms Suzanne Hoverman (Director)
 Mr Ian Kuhl (Director)
 Ms Joanne Payne (Director)
 Ms Lucy Whitehead (Director)
 Ms Bec Enders (Director)

Council has provided financial guarantee to GTHC to discharge any debt that GTHC owes, where GTHC is unable to pay the debt itself.

Financial Performance

	2019	2018
	July 2018	July 2017
	to June 2019	to June 2018
	\$	\$
Revenue		
Stock Sales	35,576	381,988
Rental Income	7,920	8,925
Donations	3,283	2,069
Sundry Charges	10,092	19,169
Total Revenue	<u>56,871</u>	<u>412,151</u>
Expenditure		
Employee Costs	17,112	100,641
Cost of Goods Sold	43,855	277,334
Maintenance & Repairs	3,042	2,988
Other Expenses	42,355	40,820
Total Expenses	<u>106,364</u>	<u>421,783</u>
Surplus/Deficit	<u>(49,493)</u>	<u>(9,632)</u>

Financial Position

Assets	3,392	30,432
Liabilities	(942)	16,649
Net Assets	<u>4,334</u>	<u>13,783</u>
Equity		
Retained Earnings	13,782	23,415
Prior Period Adjustments	40,045	
Current Year Earnings	(49,493)	(9,632)
Net Equity	<u>4,334</u>	<u>13,783</u>

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NOTE 35 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

(i) Related Parties

Parent entity
Huon Valley Council

Subsidiaries and Associates
Geeveston Town Hall Co Ltd

(ii) Key Management Personnel

Details of persons holding the position of Councillor or other members of key management personnel at any time during the year are:

Councillors

Mayor	Mrs Rebecca Enders	5 November 2018 to 30 June 2019
Deputy Mayor	Mrs Sally Doyle	5 November 2018 to 30 June 2019
Councillor	Mr Michael Newell	5 November 2018 to 30 June 2019
Councillor	Mr Paul Gibson	5 November 2018 to 30 June 2019
Councillor	Ms Christine Campbell	5 November 2018 to 30 June 2019
Councillor	Mr Michael Wilson	5 November 2018 to 30 June 2019
Councillor	Mr Robert Prince	5 November 2018 to 30 June 2019
Councillor	Ms Juarne Bird	5 November 2018 to 30 June 2019
Councillor	Mr Mark O'May	5 November 2018 to 30 June 2019

Commissioner Mrs Adriana Taylor 1 July 2018 to 5 November 2018

General Manager	Mr Emlio Reale	1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019
Acting General Manager	Mr Wayne Thorpe	25 July 2018 to 6 August 2018
Acting General Manager	Mr Wayne Thorpe	8 April 2019 to 26 April 2019
Director Corporate Services	Mr Wayne Thorpe	1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019
Director Legal & Governance Services	Mr Matthew Grimsey	1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019
Acting Director Legal & Governance Services	Mrs Michelle Gledhill	9 July 2018 to 22 July 2018
Acting Director Legal & Governance Services	Mrs Michelle Gledhill	24 April 2019 to 14 June 2019
Director Environment & Development Services	Mr Luke Chiu	1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019
Director Community Services	Mrs Rebecca Stevenson	1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019
Director Infrastructure Services	Mr Len Bester	1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019

(iii) Councillor Remuneration

2019	Allowances \$	Vehicles ² \$	Super- annuation ¹ \$	Total Compensati on AASB 124 \$	Expenses \$	Total allowances and expenses section 72 \$
Mayor	34,582	7,552		42,133	7,233	49,366
Deputy Mayor	19,267			19,267	6,212	25,479
Councillors	69,168			69,168	9,183	78,351
Commissioner	81,038			81,038	165	81,204
Total	204,055	7,552		211,606	22,794	234,400

There were no Councillors for the period 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018.

2018	Allowances \$	Vehicles ² \$	Super- annuation ¹ \$	Total Compensati on AASB 124 \$	Expenses \$	Total allowances and expenses section 72 \$
Mayor						
Deputy Mayor						
Councillors						
Commissioner	215,000			215,000		215,000
Total	198,574	7,036		205,610	18,552	224,162

¹ Superannuation is not paid for Councillors

² Includes total cost of providing and maintaining vehicles provided for private use, including registration, insurance, fuel and other

Key Management Personnel Remuneration

(iv) Key Management Personnel Remuneration

2019	Remuneration band	Number of employees	Short term employee benefits				Post employment benefits			Non-monetary Benefits ⁸	Total
			Salary ¹	Short-term Incentive Payments ²	Vehicles ³	Other Allowances and Benefits ⁴	Super-annuation ⁵	Other Long-term Benefits ⁶	Termination Benefits ⁷		
			\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
	\$140,000 - \$160,000	5	633,898		70,104		79,237		4,818	-	
	\$200,001 - \$220,000	1	184,620		19,618		23,078		8,901	788,057	
	Acting Positions		27,352		3,493		3,419			236,217	
Total			845,870		93,215		105,734		13,719	1,058,538	

(v) Key Management Personnel Remuneration (Cont...)

2018	Remuneration band	Number of employees	employee				Post employment benefits			Non-monetary Benefits ⁸	Total
			Salary ¹	Short-term Incentive Payments ²	Vehicles ³	Other Allowances and Benefits ⁴	Super-annuation ⁵	Other Long-term Benefits ⁶	Termination Benefits ⁷		
			\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
	\$140,000 - \$160,000	5	544,010		92,489		68,001		39,852	-	
	\$200,001 - \$220,000	1	162,905		19,765		20,365		5,517	744,352	
	Acting Positions	3	28,214		4,386		3,527			208,552	
Total			735,129		116,640		91,893		45,369	989,031	

¹ Gross Salary includes all forms of consideration paid and payable for services rendered, compensated absences during the period and salary sacrifice amounts.

² Short term incentive payments are non-recurrent payments which depend on achieving specified performance goals within specified timeframes, there were none paid.

³ Includes total cost of providing and maintaining vehicles provided for private use, including registration, insurance, fuel and other consumables and maintenance costs (including fringe benefits tax).

⁴ Other benefits includes all other forms of employment allowances.

⁵ Superannuation means the contribution to the superannuation fund of the individual. There are no superannuation benefits for members of a defined benefit scheme.

⁶ Other long-term employee benefits, including long-service leave or sabbatical leave, jubilee or other long-service benefits and long-term disability benefits.

⁷ Termination benefits include all forms of benefit paid or accrued as a consequence of termination.

⁸ Other non-monetary benefits include annual and long service leave movements.

(vi) Remuneration Principles

Councillors

Allowances are paid in accordance with the amounts set by legislation and expenses are paid in accordance with the Councillor's Expenses Policy.

Executives

Remuneration levels for key management personnel are set in accordance with individual contracts of employment.

The employment terms and conditions of senior executives are contained in individual employment contracts and prescribe total remuneration, superannuation, annual and long service leave, vehicle and salary sacrifice provisions. In addition to their salaries, Council also contributes to post-employment superannuation plans on their behalf.

The performance of each senior executive, including the General Manager, is reviewed annually which includes a review of their remuneration package. The terms of employment of each senior executive, including the General Manager, contain a termination clause that requires the senior executive or Council to provide a minimum notice period of up to 3 months prior to termination of the contract. Whilst not automatic, contracts can be extended.

Short term incentive payments

The Council does not provide short term incentive payments.

Termination benefits

Termination payments during the current year have been included in the above table.

Transactions with subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures

Council's interests in subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures are detailed in note 34

(vii) Transactions with subsidiaries

The group consists of Council and 1 subsidiary.

The following transactions occurred with subsidiaries:

Subsidiary	Grant and subsidies provided by council	Goods and services supplied by council, on normal terms and conditions		
		Rental accommodation	Commercial rates and charges	Other \$'000
Geeveston Town Hall				12

Transactions with associates

There were no transactions with associates.

Transactions with joint ventures

The Council is not involved in any joint ventures.

(viii) Transactions with related parties

In accordance with s84(2)(b) of the Local Government Act 1993 the Council did not have any related parties transactions and no transactions are reportable.

(ix) Loans and guarantees to/from related parties

Not applicable

(x) Commitments to/from related parties

Not applicable

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

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

- Payment of rates
- Dog registration
- Use of Council facilities

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

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NOTE 36 SUPERANNUATION

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

For the year ended 30 June 2018 the Council contributed 9.5% of employees' gross income to the Fund. Assets accumulate in the fund to meet member benefits as they accrue, and if assets within the fund are insufficient to satisfy benefits payable, the Council is required to meet its share of the deficiency.

Rice Warner Pty Ltd undertook the last actuarial review of the Fund at 30 June 2017. The review disclosed that at that time the net market value of assets available for funding member benefits was \$58,940,000, the value of vested benefits was \$51,170,000, the surplus over vested benefits was \$7,770,000, the value of total accrued benefits was \$50,606,000, and the number of members was 134. These amounts relate to all members of the fund at the date of valuation and no asset or liability is recorded in the Tasplan Super's financial statements for Council employees.

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

Net Investment Return: 7.0% p.a.

Salary Inflation: 4.0% p.a.

Price Inflation: n/a

The actuarial review concluded that:

1. The value of assets of the Fund was adequate to meet the liabilities of the Fund in respect of vested benefits as at 30 June 2017.
2. The value of assets of the Fund was adequate to meet the value of the liabilities of the Fund in respect of accrued benefits as at 30 June 2017.
3. Based on the assumptions used, and assuming the Employer contributes at the levels described below, the value of the assets is expected to continue to be adequate to meet the value of the liabilities of the Fund in respect of vested benefits at all times during the period up to 30 June 2017.

The Actuary recommended that in future the Council contribute 9.5% of salaries in 2017/18 and 0% from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2021.

The Actuary will continue to undertake a brief review of the financial position the Fund at the end of each financial year to confirm that the contribution rates remain appropriate. The next full triennial actuarial review of the Fund will have an effective date of 30 June 2020 and is expected to be completed late in 2020.

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

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

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

The 2017 actuarial review used the "aggregate" funding method. This is a standard actuarial funding method. The results from this method were tested by projecting future fund assets and liabilities for a range of future assumed investment returns. The funding method used is consistent with the method used at the previous actuarial review in 2014.

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

In terms of Rule 27.4 of the Tasplan Trust Deed (Trust Deed), there is a risk that employers within the Fund may incur an additional liability when an Employer ceases to participate in the Fund at a time when the assets of the Fund are less than members' vested benefits. Each member of the Fund who is an employee of the Employer who is ceasing to Participate is required to be provided with a benefit at least equal to their vested benefit in terms of Rule 27.4 (b) (A). However, there is no provision in the Trust Deed requiring an employer to make contributions other than its regular contributions up to the date of cessation of contributions. This issue can be resolved by the Trustee seeking an Actuarial Certificate in terms of Rule 26.5 identifying a deficit and the Trustee determining in terms of Rule 26.3(c) that the particular employer should make the payment required to make good any shortfall before the cessation of participation is approved.

The application of Fund assets on Tasplan being wound-up is set out in Rule 41.4. This Rule provides that expenses and taxation liabilities should have first call on the available assets. Additional assets will initially be applied for the benefit of the then remaining members and/or their Dependents in such manner as the Trustee considers equitable and appropriate in accordance with the Applicable Requirements (broadly, superannuation and taxation legislative requirements and other requirements as determined by the regulators).

The Trust Deed does not contemplate the Fund withdrawing from Tasplan. However it is likely that Rule 27.4 would be applied in this case (as detailed above).

The Fund is a defined benefit Fund.

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

During the reporting period the amount of contributions paid to defined benefits schemes and accumulation schemes was \$1,359,876.11 (2017/2018, \$1,193,834.92).

During the next reporting period the expected amount of contributions to be paid to defined benefits schemes is \$11,221.47, and the amount to be paid to accumulation schemes is \$1,407,471.77.

As reported above, Assets exceeded accrued benefits as at the date of the last actuarial review, 30 June 2017. Moderate investment returns, since that date, make it quite probable that this is still the position. The financial position of the Fund will be fully investigated at the actuarial review as at 30 June 2020.

An analysis of the assets and vested benefits of sub-funds participating in the Scheme, prepared by Rice Warner Pty Ltd as at 30 June 2018, showed that the Fund had assets of \$57.48 million and members' Vested Benefits were \$48.39 million. These amounts represented 0.7% and 0.6% respectively of the corresponding total amounts for Tasplan.

As at 30 June 2018 the fund had 119 members and the total employer contributions and member contributions for the year ending 30 June 2018 were \$1,515,272 and \$266,000 respectively.

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