Annual Report
2019–2020

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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

Our Region

The Huon Valley was declared a municipal area in 1993 when the municipalities of Esperance, Huon and Port Cygnet were amalgamated and the Huon Valley Council was formed.

17,561
Estimated Resident Population (ABS 2019)

In 2017 there were:

3,123	under 14 years
3,465	15–34 years
7,114	35–64 years
3,517	65 years and over

12,838
Electors as at 13 September 2018

$987
Weekly median household income (ABS 2016)

10,832
Rateable Properties

$1,321
Average rates per property

5,497km²
Total area within Huon Valley municipal area

Main population areas

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

Major industries

- Agriculture
- Aquaculture
- Fishing
- Forestry
- Tourism

Council Facilities

2	4	2	1	3	2	2
Visitor Centres	Waste Transfer Sites	Medical Centres	Outside School Hours Care	Early Learning and Care Centres	Swimming Pools	Sports Centres

From the Mayor

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

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 2019–20 we started development of our Reconciliation Action Plan, supported by the formation of a dedicated working group. We worked in collaboration with Reconciliation Tasmania to ensure a good understanding of contemporary issues from the outset, and are on track to complete the Plan in 2021.

In March 2020, our world was disrupted by the COVID-19 health crisis, and the Huon Valley Council's focus turned to protecting the health and safety of our communities. My role as Mayor became, and remains, dedicated to business and community health advocacy for the Federal and State Government for southern Tasmanian councils.

Through COVID-19, Council stepped up its media output across multiple methods, helping to deliver important public safety and emergency relief messages to our communities, and importantly our most isolated residents. I provided regular video updates online to help keep people informed, and help compensate for the lack of face-to-face interactions while the doors of our Customer Service Centre remained closed. I would like to thank our community for doing their part in keeping our part of the world safe.

Over the financial year, Council awarded more than $75,000 in grants and benefits to local people, groups, organisations and businesses to support wellbeing, safety, learning and recovery in our communities.

Out of respect for those in our community facing financial hardship, Councillors declined an annual increase for their 2020/21 allowance and in June 2020, I delivered the Mayor's vehicle back to Council for sale.

The 2019–20 year brought a number of difficult, emotive and challenging decisions to make as a first-time sitting Council.

The decision to sell the land containing the Cygnet Medical Centre attracted differing views voiced throughout our community, as did the decision to close the doors to providing visitor information services in the Huon Valley.

In June 2020, community engagement on the Geeveston Town Hall was opened at 'Collaborate' level to ensure that concerns and aspirations of the public will directly shape its future use. Council would like to thank the Geeveston Town Hall Company Board for their leadership and for the many volunteers that have stepped up to volunteer at the Town Hall, keeping the doors of the Town Hall open for our community after the closure of the Council-run Visitor Centre.

We developed key documents to support a number of priority projects, making them viable for funding by the Federal and State Governments, including:

- New Huonville Link Road
- Relocation of Council's depot located on Sale Street
- Redevelopment of the Dover Medical Centre
- Expansion of Outside School Hours Care Facility
- CCTV for Huonville and Surrounds

I would like to thank our community for doing their part in keeping our part of the world safe.

We continue to advocate for the delivery of these priority projects through lobbying multiple levels of government for funding.

We thank the Tasmanian State Government for funding the mountain bike feasibility study for the Huon Valley using funds provided through a 2018 election commitment. Council committed to developing a strategy for the Huon Valley to be positioned as an adventure trails destination, and will seek funding to progress this opportunity.

Council also provided in-principle support for the development of a regional mountain bike park in Dover, including the investigation of funding opportunities to progress a full trails concept master plan, implementation strategy and business case.

The Tasmanian State Government also funded a feasibility study on the construction of a pathway from Huonville to Franklin. This included multiple community workshops and a survey, which showed strong support from local residents for the construction of the pathway. Council now has a solid evidence base to carry this project forward through grant applications and lobbying efforts to State and Federal Government.

Council has reviewed our response to the January 2019 bushfires and understands that the threat of bushfires will be more frequent, and seasons will be longer. We are committed to supporting the Tasmania Fire Service, fire agencies and our community to protect the Huon Valley from bushfire.

The Huon Valley Council is a member of the Southern Tasmanian Council's Authority and is committed to climate action. The program of work included signing a Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Tasmania to partner with them in an application for a research grant and the commencement of work on a Regional Coastal Hazard Strategy.

The results of our Community Satisfaction Survey released on 16 December showed a good level of overall satisfaction among residents, with a score of 6.99 achieved out of a possible 10. There are still areas for improvement, and we have made a commitment to improve on these results. The overall results of the survey placed Council on a similar level to other rural Tasmanian councils.

Council received excellent scores for emergency and disaster management and recovery, as well as the provision and maintenance of parks, gardens and playgrounds. We also received higher scores than the state-wide average for governance and leadership.

Areas for improvement included Council's communication with the community, as well as planning, building and development. We will improve our performance in these areas, with a Community Communications Strategy planned for completion in 2020/21, along with reader-friendly fact sheets to ensure information is readily available for people who are applying for planning applications.

We were pleased to expand our Huon Beings digital arts program, with the addition of ten short films interviewing local residents on a range of cultural topics. We supported our young people to develop healthy habits through the weekly Give it a Go after school activities program in Dover, the In The Zone event in Huonville which highlighted mental wellness, and the inspiring #huonyouth project which celebrated the literary achievements of four young female writers.

On the morning of 26 January, Geeveston's Heritage Park was alive with festivity and camaraderie as community members and volunteer groups came together to celebrate Australia Day. We were pleased to welcome eight new Huon Valley residents into Australian citizenship, and recognise four well-deserving recipients in our prestigious Australia Day Awards program. It was also a time to show empathy for our Aboriginal people, and respectfully acknowledge the sorrow many people feel on Australia Day.

On behalf of Council and the community, I would like to take this opportunity to deeply thank all of the volunteers in our Valley who generously give their time to support the delivery of services, from managing our vital community halls to tending the register at the Re-Use Shop. The work that you do goes a long way to supporting the wellbeing of our people, and for that we thank you.

COVID-19 has seen volunteers, community members, groups, and businesses do whatever they can under unprecedented circumstances to help keep each other safe and supported. When times are tough, it is your dedication, hard work and genuine care for one another that ensures we will survive and rebuild, stronger than we were before.

I would like to acknowledge the work of my fellow councillors, General Manager and Council staff for their collective efforts in caring for our community whilst making some incredibly difficult decisions in an unprecedented time in our history.

Bec Enders
Mayor
Huon Valley Council

From the General Manager

The 2019-2020 financial year has been one of key achievements and key challenges.

The later half of 2019 saw the Huon Valley Council working with community groups to continue the bushfire recovery process and complete the implementation of a number of community recovery grant programs. The new Council barely had time to settle in following the bushfire emergency and recovery phases when the health and safety of our community and staff became our priority focus again, as we swiftly took measures to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

COVID-19 significantly disrupted our usual ways of working, causing delays in many areas. However, Council was still able to achieve many outcomes for the community. We have had to confront dramatic changes to health, life and financial circumstances amid fear and anxiety, and make rapid decisions in an environment of which we would not have dreamed late last year.

Many changes had to be made in a short period of time, such as installing software systems to accommodate staff working from home, holding Council meetings online via live stream, introducing new hygiene protocols, and closing facilities, just to name a few. Our staff needed to adjust to new ways of working while still servicing the community in many different and innovative ways.

The people of the Huon Valley are well known for their strength and resilience in the face of adversity. Council is committed to working alongside the community in recovery, supporting and building the capacity of individuals, communities, businesses and organisations. Council recognised the community's ability to provide community-led recovery programs and provided $30,000 for the Stronger Together Quick Response Community Grant Program. This support to the community is being further expanded through a $260,000 Community Recovery Program and a zero per cent General Rate increase in 2020/21.

Council developed and activated a Business Continuity Plan in response to the pandemic to ensure we could keep our essential operations going. After a period of real-life testing, we developed a complementary Pandemic Contingency Plan to further improve our continuity measures and fill any identified gaps.

In April 2020, Council adopted a Hardship and Payment Assistance Policy to assist ratepayers who are experiencing hardship due to the impacts of COVID-19, such as loss of work. The Policy includes a range of assistance measures, such as flexible payment arrangements, payment deferrals, and the waiver of penalties and interest for those who can demonstrate real financial hardship.

As we navigated challenges of COVID-19, the Council's Executive Leadership Team continued to lead the organisation through the pandemic, furthering our progressive change program, making process improvements and driving organisational renewal.

We progressed a number of actions under our ICT Strategy, including the replacement of core businesses systems, and the development of a strategic approach to information management and the use of new technologies.

Key upgrades included a new Navision finance system, and a new Asset Master asset management system. These updates provide a high-performance technical platform for our organisation and community, lifting the quality of our

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internal workflows and customer service levels, and supporting continuous improvement into the future.

In 2020, Council began developing a new Reconciliation Action Plan as part of our commitment to recognising the importance of the heritage and culture of Aboriginal people in real and meaningful ways.

The Huon Valley Council was among the Tasmanian Regional Winners recognised in the 2019 Local Government Professionals National Awards, winning the Tasmanian Partnerships and Collaboration Award in recognition of the Huon Valley Emergency Management Plan which guided the operation of Council's Emergency Evacuation Centres during the early 2019 bushfires.

The successful operation of the Evacuation Centre was due to the strong planning skills and innovation of staff, and their collaborative efforts with key agencies, community groups, community members, and neighbouring councils.

Legal proceedings have now been completed on Council's Collatoralised Debt Obligation Investments (CDOs), with Council recovering a total of $3,754,149 of its original investment of $4 million after legal action was taken.

Monies received have been allocated toward the stormwater reserve given the change in focus from water and sewerage to stormwater obligations under the Urban Drainage Act 2013 and the current large capital works program, including the Huonville Stormwater diversion project.

Huon Valley's financial position through 2019–2020 was sound and consistent with our long-term forecast, despite the financial effects of COVID-19. Council's revenue was most affected in medical and children's services, but these areas were able to be mostly offset with savings in operational costs.

The result for the year was an operating surplus of $5.3 million against a budget of $1.07 million, with the difference primarily being the receipt of CDO funds and grants. An underlying operating result of $179,000 was achieved against a budget of $412,000.

Council delivered a capital works program of $12.2 million, making it the largest capital expenditure program in many years, largely due to the Huonville Stormwater Upgrade project. Council's investment in asset renewal (the upgrade/replacement of existing infrastructure that has reached the end of its life) was $8.2 million, giving an asset sustainability ratio of 141 per cent.

As the tier of government closest to the community, we are committed to maintaining strong relationships with our communities through the delivery of open and engaging communications. We have further increased our presence on social media, providing daily updates on Council and community activities and events, and sharing stories that connect with people locally and beyond. We continue to explore cost-effective ways to provide opportunities for our community to engage with Council.

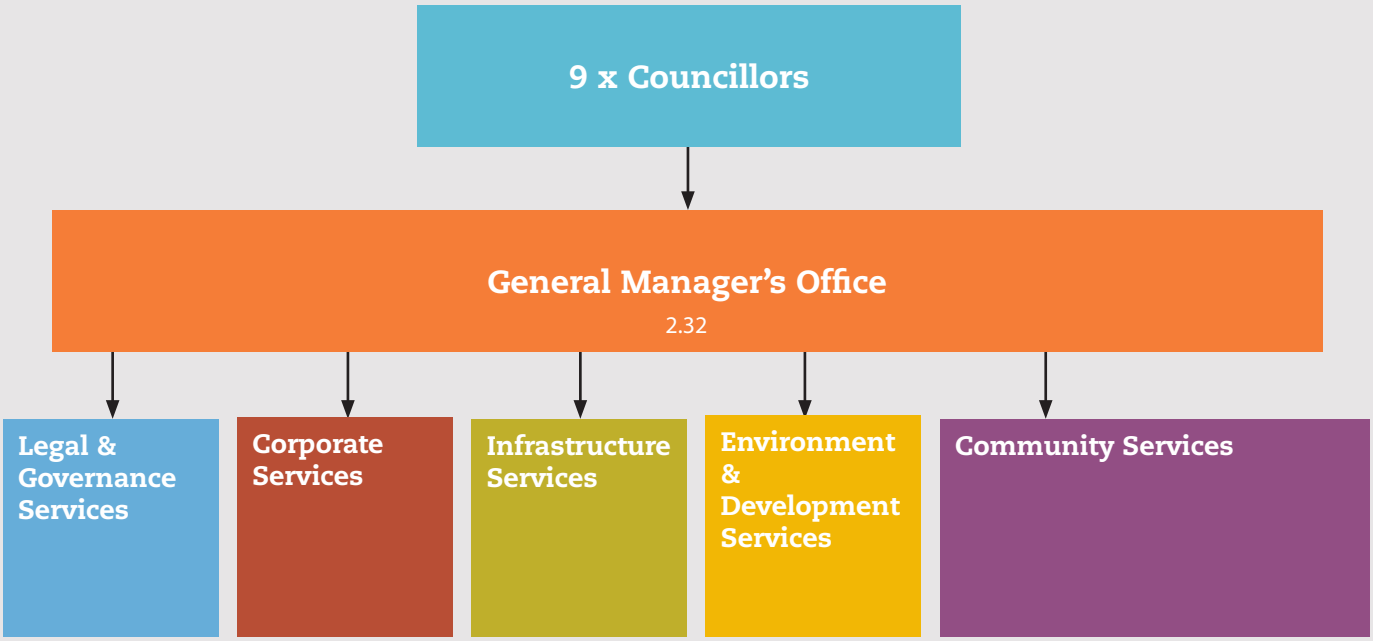
We continue to place a strong emphasis on the health and safety of our employees, with the Council recognising, promoting, and supporting good mental and physical wellbeing. Using feedback from regular internal surveys, we provide a safe and flexible workplace for our staff, offering career development support, return to work and injury-prevention programs, and strong workforce management.

The Huon Valley Council has resolved to renew my contract from the 17 March 2020 for another five years to March 2025. I look forward to working with Council, staff and the community in delivering quality local government services into the future.

I wish to extend my thanks to the Mayor and Elected Members, my Executive Leadership Team colleagues and all the talented Huon Valley Council employees for their excellent efforts, commitment and dedication in meeting the challenges of the past year and making a valuable contribution to the Huon Valley community.

Emilio Reale
General Manager
Huon Valley Council

Huon Valley Council Structure



Legal & Governance Office
3.05

Economic Development
3

Information Centres
5.27

Financial and Corporate
4.05

Customer Service
8.97

Human Resources
4.54

Information Services
5.26

Administrative Support
1.33

Property Maintenance
1.2

Technical Services
2

Bridges Maintenance
1.39

Footpath Maintenance & Street Cleaning
1.46

Stormwater
0.91

Parks & Reserves
7

Road Maintenance
5.28

Capital Works
30.02

Administrative Support
2.5

Building and Plumbing
2.16

Planning
7.18

Compliance
3.04

Environmental Health
2.01

Natural Resource Management
1.42

Waste Management
4.75

Community Services
2.29

Media and Communications
3

Community Development
1

Community Liaison
0.84

Arts & Culture
1.32

Health & Wellbeing
0.68

Retirement Villages
0.16

Gearing Up
0.63

Recreation Services
1.42

Huonville Swimming Pool
1.24

Port Huon Sports & Aquatic Centre
2.39

Cygnet Sports Centre
0.59

Cemeteries
1

Emergency Management
0.05

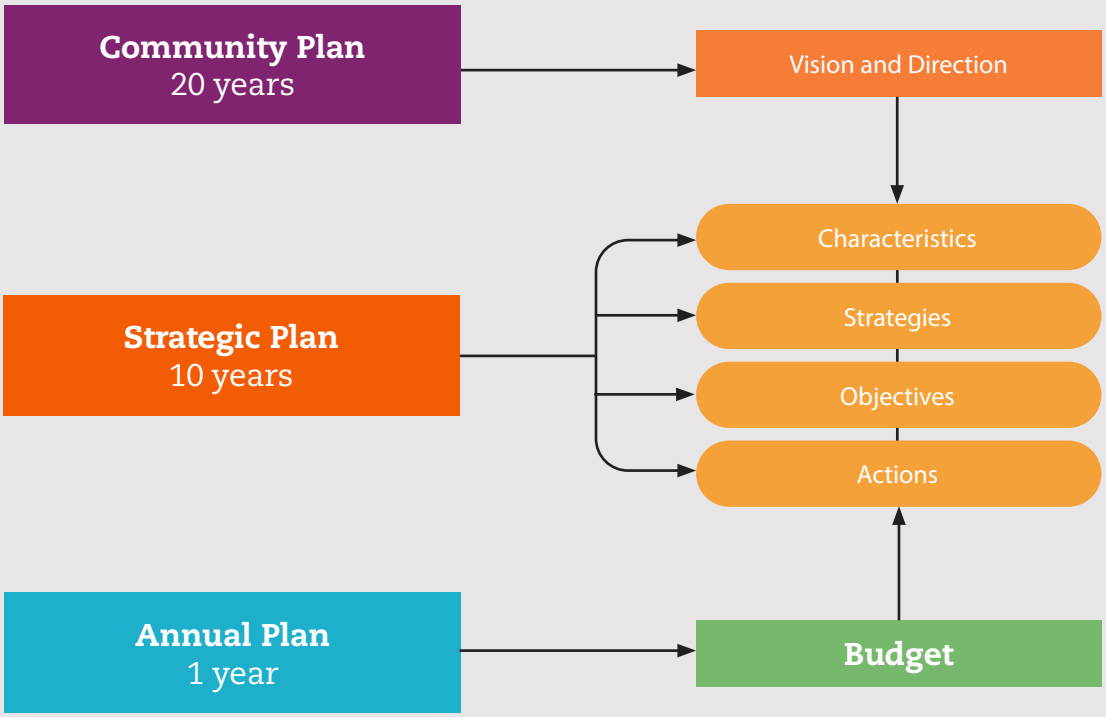
Medical Services
7.33

Children's Services
23.21

TOTAL FTE:
157.26

Figures as at 1 July 2019, based on budgeted full-time equivalent (FTE), including casual, fixed-term contract, and grant and externally funded positions. Not including contractors.

Strategic Planning Framework



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

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Committee membership

Bec Enders
Mayor

General Manager Performance Review Committee (Chair)

Huon Valley Emergency Management Committee (Chair) from November 2019

Huonville Recreation Area Management Advisory Committee (Chair)

External committees:

Local Government Association of Tasmania

Ranelagh Recreation Area Management Advisory Committee (Chair)

Southern Tasmanian Councils Authority Board (Chair)

STCA Regional Climate Change Initiative (Chair)

STCA Governance and Audit Committee Member

TasWater

Destination Southern Tasmania Board (Director)

Destination Southern Tasmania, Risk and Governance Committee (Director)

Sally Doyle
Deputy Mayor

Audit Panel

General Manager Performance Review Committee

Geeveston Town Hall Company

External committees:

Southern Tasmanian Councils Authority Waste

Local Government Association of Tasmania (proxy)

Southern Tasmanian Councils Authority (proxy)

TasWater (proxy)

Paul Gibson
Councillor

External committees:

Southern Trove Tourism Reference Group

Southern Journeys Working Group

Christine Campbell
Councillor

Arts and Culture Committee (Chair) from May 2020

Audit Panel from May 2020

General Manager Performance Review Committee

Mike Wilson
Councillor

Arts and Culture Committee (Chair) until May 2020

General Manager Performance Review Committee until May 2020

Robert Prince
Councillor

General Manager Performance Review Committee from May 2020

Climate Change Consultative Working Group

Juarne Lovell (Bird)
Councillor

Huon Valley Health and Wellbeing Committee (Chair)

Mark O'May
Councillor

Huon Valley Emergency Management Committee (Chair until November 2019)

Marine Facilities Development Advisory Committee (Chair)

Mick Newell
Councillor

Audit Panel until May 2020

Attendance at Council meetings and workshops
for the period ending 30 June 2020

Total number of meetings held: 13 **Total number of workshops held:** 26

Councillors	Meetings attended	Workshops attended	Leave of absence
Mayor Bec Enders	13	26	14.12.19–06.01.20
Deputy Mayor Sally Doyle	13	26	
Cr Mick Newell	12	11	22.05.19–21.08.19
Cr Paul Gibson	12	22	
Cr Christine Campbell	10	20	28.08.19–18.09.19
Cr Mike Wilson	11	16	
Cr Rob Prince	8	11	08.04.20–07.07.20
Cr Juarne Lovell	12	25	
Cr Mark O'May	13	19	

Special Committees of Council

for the period ending 30 June 2020

Council has established the following special committees 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 and Culture Committee
- Health and Wellbeing Committee
- Huon Valley Emergency Management Advisory Committee
- Huonville Recreation Area Management Advisory Committee
- Marine Facilities Development Advisory Committee
- Ranelagh Recreation Area Management Advisory Committee
- 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 committee 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
- Upper Huon 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 2020

General Manager's Performance Review Committee

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 is responsible for 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 was made up of Mayor Bec Enders, Deputy Mayor Sally Doyle and Councillors Christine Campbell and Mike Wilson. Cr Wilson resigned in April 2020 and was replaced by Cr Robert Prince in May 2020.

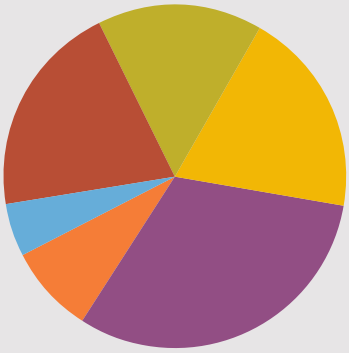
Audit Panel

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.

In 2019–2020 the Audit Panel included Deputy Mayor Doyle and Cr Newell, who was replaced by Cr Campbell in May 2020. Independent members Alison Flakemore (Chair) and David Sales concluded their terms on the Audit Panel on 30 June 2020. We thank them for their service.

Where do my rates go?

For every $100 Council collects in rates, it is estimated that we spend it in the following way:



- **Community Services** $18.86
- **Roads, Bridges & Other Infrastructure** $30.28
- **Environment & Development Services** $16.75
- **State Government Charges** $5.59
- **Corporate Services & Legal and Governance (incl. GM)** $19.85
- **Parks, Recreation and Sporting Ovals** $8.67

Income

Rates and Charges	14,527,999.24
Fees and Charges	5,773,331.18
Capital Grants	6,083,191.13
Operational Grants	881,196.41
Interest	257,081.37
Investment Revenue	212,000.00
Other	3,462,668.28
Asset Gains	-312,462.84
TOTAL	**30,885,004.77**

Expenditure

Employee Costs	11,455,466.68
Materials and Contracts	3,609,399.21
Depreciation	5,834,511.97
Other	4,660,864.27
TOTAL	**25,560,242.13**

Expenditure by Program

Legal & Governance (incl. GM)	2,555,153.20
Corporate Services	3,948,857.83
Community Services	5,871,006.21
Infrastructure Services	8,905,021.31
Environment & Development Services	4,280,203.58
TOTAL	**25,560,242.13**

Service Requests

2,267

Total number of logged maintenance requests received through formal customer service channels between 1/07/2019–30/06/2020.

Completed requests

Roads	**656**
Animals	**228**
Bridges	**2**
Building	**372**
Waste	**625**
Fencing	**1**
Footpath	**35**
Trees	**134**
Environmental Health	**214**

Our local response to a global pandemic

The COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) pandemic has impacted every home and business in the Huon Valley community.

Our usual ways of life were turned upside down, meaning we needed to find new ways to live, work and play.

When the virus hit Tasmania, all levels of government needed to take immediate action to protect local communities. As the first port of call for community guidance and support, Council needed to move swiftly to provide up-to-date information, resources, and relief to residents, while also planning the social and economic recovery measures we would take to minimise harm.

For Council, the safety of our staff and community was always number one priority. Protecting our workers and community meant quickly making changes to the way we deliver services in accordance with advice from the Department of Health. Staff worked together to activate our Emergency Management and Community Recovery Plans, and put a Business Continuity Plan in place to ensure we could keep essential services going through the emergency period.

During the emergency period, our focus was on protecting and retaining staff members' employment to ensure we could provide as much community relief as possible in the short term and support recovery in the long term. The rapidly changing situation demanded fast decision-making, and Council would like to recognise the quick thinking and collaboration of our Business Continuity Team during this uncertain and worrying period.

Even as things became more uncertain and unsettling, Council staff showed great adaptability and creativity in the way they quickly took to new no and low-contact ways of working. Many needed to switch to an entirely new work environment, either from home or in a different role. New systems were put in place to allow work and meetings to move completely online, including our Council meetings.

Daily COVID-19 updates were provided to staff and Councillors, including updates from Premier Peter Gutwein and the Public Information Unit.

Our COVID-19 Staff Check-In Survey conducted at the end of May 2020 showed that staff wellbeing was high, at 81 per cent, while 79 per cent of staff reported that they were coping with the disruption. Due to the efforts of the Business Continuity Team, 93 per cent of staff felt workplace changes due to COVID-19 had been well managed.

Unfortunately, the temporary closure of our Customer Service Centre, recreation centres, RV sites, community halls and Re-Use Shop had significant social and financial impacts which were unavoidable. The loss of tourism activity, on top of the downturn following the 2019 bushfires, sadly led to the permanent closure of our visitor centres in Huonville and Geeveston. These impacts will continue to be felt by Council and the community for years to come. The Council does however remain in a strong and sustainable position and is focused on supporting recovery efforts and the continuation of community services.

Emergency response

With an older and more isolated population compared to the rest of Tasmania, we have a large number of high-risk people in the Valley who need immediate support when a crisis hits. Lock-down measures when COVID-19 began made delivering emergency support to our vulnerable communities very challenging when it was needed most.

With the closure of our community halls, recreation centres and sports grounds, youth and senior programs, and the cancellation of all our local events, we saw our usual way of life come to a sudden halt.

Communication was difficult with a low level of digital access in some areas of the Valley, and the unavailability of face-to-face service at our Customer Services Centre.

But, we know from experience that Huon Valley residents pull together to help each other in times of crisis. During COVID-19, we have seen many acts of kindness as community members, groups and neighbourhoods have done what they can to help vulnerable people in our community, from keeping up contact online and over the phone, to sending letters, and delivering groceries to doorsteps.

Council formed a Recovery Working Group to identify the immediate- and long-term needs of our communities, and provide actions to meet these needs through the development of a Huon Valley Council Recovery Action Plan.

Council's Emergency Management Coordinator met regularly with neighbouring Councils as part of the Southern Regional Emergency Management Committee, sharing information, participating in scenario exercises and contributing on various working groups.

Working in collaboration with regional authorities, Council staff worked tirelessly and creatively to give our community the latest Public Health advice and connect people to support services. Regular video updates were given by our Mayor online, and a dedicated COVID-19 page was set up on our website to provide up-to-date information about what was happening, what we needed to do to stay safe, and where to go for help.

Many local families, households and businesses felt, and continue to feel, significant financial pressure due to COVID-19 due to region-wide job losses and economic downturn. The Tasmanian Government provided unprecedented social and economic support packages totalling $1 billion to deliver immediate emergency relief for all Tasmanians.

At a local level, Council committed to a number of emergency relief actions in April 2020 to support individuals and businesses in financial difficulty, including:

- A zero General Rate increase for the 2020–21 financial year
- Rent relief
- Pause on debt recovery for ratepayers
- Providing a *Financial Hardship and Payment Assistance Policy* for ratepayers and businesses
- The introduction of a community recovery grants program

Council staff made a substantial contribution towards offsetting the financial impacts of these measures through a freeze on Enterprise Agreement salary increases in 2020.

Road to recovery

COVID-19 restrictions have severely affected the long-term social and economic wellbeing of our communities. Supporting sustainable community-led recovery programs that build social connection and resilience are crucial to get through the crisis and ensure we come through stronger on the other side.

Council's *2020/21 Estimates and Budget* committed $260,000 to a Community Recovery Program for the Huon Valley, with the funds put towards:

- $50,000 for a community recovery grants program
- $50,000 for community resilience and capacity building projects
- $60,000 for local industry and business development programs
- $100,000 for development and delivery of a Huon Valley marketing campaign

Creating reference groups made up of community representatives is the next step to drive the delivery of sustainable recovery programs that meet real needs of our local people.

Supported by Council, the social and economic reference groups will help create economic and social recovery networks within our community, and ensure everyone is represented and their voices heard. With a focus on strong financial management, information sharing and collaboration between local groups and government, the groups will work to uncover the key community issues and opportunities, and advocate for immediate and long-term recovery programs that meet real needs. They will also report the local situation to regional and state stakeholders.

For Council, the safety of our staff and community is number one priority.

We are Stronger Together

Council's new online recovery hub, Stronger Together, helps community members and businesses to easily find up-to-date information, support resources, emergency contacts, and advice for dealing with the challenges of physical isolation and the evolving health crisis.

Here people can have their say on how they were impacted by the pandemic, and what recovery activities they feel are needed. Feedback from our Community Issues and Ideas Survey has helped us understand what our main local issues are, and take action to meet real short- and long-term needs.

Key themes from the survey show that immediate financial stress and the challenges of social isolation have been widely felt in the community. In true Huon Valley form, we have seen an outpouring of compassion within our community through the HEARTFELT project, in the form of handmade gifts and messages.

Council's Quick Response Grants program allocated $30,000 to fund a range of community-run activities that build strength and resilience locally. 33 projects were supported, including the formation of a local Mountain Biking and Trail Building Club, a fiery HEARTFELT art installation on the Huon River, and a series of haiku-writing workshops encouraging participants to reflect on their COVID-19 experience.

Bouncing back

Our business community has been hard hit by COVID-19, with many local businesses heavily relying on tourism for income. Almost half of respondents in our Community Issues and Ideas survey reported feeling major financial impacts through the loss of employment and businesses being forced to close.

Ideas provided through the community survey focused on economic stimulus and development for short-term recovery. During COVID-19, our community has banded together to buy local and use local services, and are now encouraged to travel within the state to help support economic recovery.

The newly launched Huon Valley website has been the driving force behind our community recovery marketing campaign. Featuring a rich and ever-growing Local Directory, the website provides a safe place for people to connect with community groups and businesses online. The website will support local connections and promote the Valley as a beautiful and inspiring place to visit during this critical time, and into the future.

Fortunately, the Australian Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure program has meant we could bring forward start dates for major local road and community infrastructure projects to stimulate the local economy and support jobs.

The new normal

During the closure period, our staff continued finding new ways to overcome the challenges of closures and isolation.

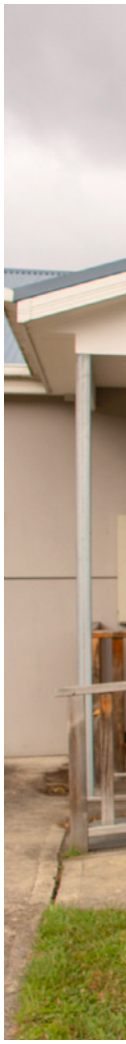
A Council e-newsletter was launched to share updates on recovery resources, while the Cygnet Sports Centre helped promote fitness in isolation through their series of home-workout videos. The Port Huon Sports & Aquatic Centre took to touching up their workout spaces to provide a better experience for visitors.

As state restrictions started to lift, staff worked hard to prepare our sites for a safe reopening. From May to June our doors slowly reopened, with COVID-19 Safety Plans, physical distancing and maximum density limits in place. Council would like to thank our staff and community for their efforts to keep each other safe by carefully following Public Health advice as much as possible.

The care and support for one another shown by our community during this tough time cannot be underestimated. As in the response phase, we are continuing to see community, sporting and businesses groups supporting each other to enter the new normal.

Council recognises the hallmark strength and resilience our community has shown throughout the pandemic. It has not been an easy road, but your careful efforts to follow public health advice have saved lives.

Although the COVID-19 pandemic has had some devastating impacts, it is important to remember that the many qualities of the Huon Valley that make this such a wonderful place to live, work and visit still hold true. Together we will carve a path to a 'new normal' in which we can safely rebuild our region.



Highlights

The 2019–20 year was dominated by emergency relief and recovery, as Council staff focused our efforts on supporting our community through the COVID-19 pandemic. Through unprecedented challenges, we continued to provide essential services, improve our processes, and achieve key projects identified in our Annual Plan.

Huonville Stormwater Upgrade

The newly completed Huonville Stormwater Diversion project, one of the largest Capital Works Projects the Council has undertaken, diverted its first heavy rainfall in June 2020 and is operating successfully. We were pleased to receive a $1,614,758 grant through the Federal Government's Regional Jobs and Investment Packages – Local Infrastructure Stream to help complete the $4.8 million project, with a State Government interest-free loan enabling Council to contribute $3,185,242. Huonville's drainage system is now able to handle extra flows during high rain events, supporting the long-term protection of low-lying areas and enabling more holistic stormwater management. The Skinners Creek Walking Track underwent renewal works as part of the project, including the installation of locally-made interpretive signage and artwork.

Arve Road

Council's Capital Works crew completed a $2.14 million State Government-funded upgrade to Arve Road, a major route in the Huon Valley for the timber industry and tourism. The existing road was narrow and winding, and provided limited space for pedestrians. As part of the upgrade, two kilometres of the road were widened and 1.58km of footpath was installed, making travel safer for drivers and pedestrians. Connecting Geeveston with the iconic Tahune Adventures, the upgraded Arve Road now provides an improved driver experience.

LG Professionals State Award Winner

Huon Valley Council was among the Tasmanian Regional Winners recognised in the 2019 Local Government (LG) Professionals National Awards, with General Manager Emilio Reale accepting the Tasmanian Partnerships and Collaboration Award on behalf of staff. The prestigious award recognises the Huon Valley Emergency Management Plan which guided the operation of Council's Emergency Evacuation Centres during the early 2019 bushfires. The successful operation of our Evacuation Centres was due to the strong planning skills and innovation of staff, and their collaborative efforts with key agencies, community groups, community members, and neighbouring councils. We are proud to see our staff recognised for their outstanding achievements in what was a very difficult time for our community.

Keep Australia Beautiful Awards

Council was delighted to win two awards at the Keep Australia Beautiful Tasmania Sustainable Communities Awards in 2019. The major Tasmanian Citizen of the Year award went to Council's Community Engagement Officer, Lisa Plohl, in recognition of her commitment to the Huon Valley community. Lisa is well-known for being a thoughtful and generous worker, and played a lead role in setting up and running the Animal Refuge Centre at the Ranelagh Showgrounds during the early 2019 bushfires. Council also won a Community Action & Partnerships award for our work on Heritage Park in Geeveston, which has a mindful, community-focused design that delivers significant benefits for the town. As a destination playground, it is a beautiful rest stop that captures people on their way to the major southern attractions such as Hastings Caves and the Thermal Pool.

Australia Day Achievement Medallion

During the 2020 Australia Day Awards ceremony held in the Geeveston Community Hall, RSL State President Robert Dick presented Council with an Australia Day Achievement Medallion in recognition of the work that was done to protect the Valley during the 2019 bushfires. Council staff had a robust plan in place to look after our community during the bushfires and worked tirelessly to successfully run the evacuation centres and coordinate information sessions. More than 29 organisations and many individual volunteers were involved in the evacuation centres, and we were privileged to accept the award on their behalf. Council thanks the RSL for formally recognising the strength of volunteering in our community with this award.

The year in numbers

66,520
Customer service receipts issued

18,627
Customer Service Centre visits

5,967
Tonnes of waste sent to landfill

4,767
Average monthly transactions at Waste Transfer Stations

16
Regular Re-Use Shop volunteers

154
Council reports produced

22,507
Huon Valley Visitor Centre visitors (centre closed 24 March 2020 due to COVID-19)

29,978
Geeveston Visitor Centre visitors (centre closed 24 March 2020 due to COVID-19)

20,285
Consultations at Medical Centres

Huon Valley Tas website launched

The new Huon Valley Tas website (www.huonvalleytas.com) was launched as part of the broader Huon Valley Brand Marketing Strategy and Implementation Plan. A key feature of the website is the new Business and Community Directory, which provides a user-friendly tool for residents and visitors to find local businesses, services and community groups. Supporting the broader activities and initiatives being delivered under the Brand program, the website provides a central platform where local stories about the Huon Valley's people, places, products and experiences can be accessed and shared. The website will be used in social media campaigns and public relations activities aimed at promoting the Valley as a great place to visit, celebrating life in the Valley, promoting our great-quality products, and encouraging investment.

Huon River Foreshore Shared Pathway

Council engaged a consultant to deliver a feasibility study for building a shared pathway along the Huon River, from Huonville to Franklin. By providing a key recreational link between the two towns for use by local residents and tourists, the proposed multi-use pathway has the potential to bring many benefits to the Huon Valley and become a significant walking, cycling and kayaking trail for the region. A community survey and workshops showed strong support for the project due the increased social and economic activities it would deliver. Catering to people of varying levels of ability, the path would further encourage community members of all ages to spend time outdoors engaging in healthy physical activity.

Tennis court for Huonville

A $75,000 grant through the Australian Government's Community Development Grants Programme meant we could build a new public tennis court on Tennis Court Road, Huonville. The tennis court replaced an unused surplus netball court at the Huonville Recreation Ground, offering another opportunity for people to engage in fun and healthy activity at the community's sporting hub. With this project we are pleased to progress the Huonville Recreation Ground Master Plan and give families and young people another reason to visit and enjoy this popular spot.

New Huonville Change Rooms

Local sports teams now have new unisex change rooms at the Huonville Recreation Ground after Council received a $284,592 Levelling the Playing Field grant from the Tasmanian Government as well as contributions from Bendigo Bank and AFL Tasmania totalling $74,461. Council contributed the remaining $219,947 to meet the $579,000 total project cost. An AFL Audit in June 2017 had ranked the previous 1970s change rooms as 28/50 and deemed them unsuitable for female players, so we were pleased to work closely with the Huonville Lions Football Club to deliver this project and remedy the lack of suitable facilities for female players.

Dover Give it a Go

Council supported the delivery of Give It A Go, a program created to fill the need for after-school activities for young people in Dover. Providing a variety of fun and rewarding activities each week, the community-driven program helped young people develop strong, positive relationships and maintain good mental wellness. Community members were given the opportunity to get involved and contribute their skills. The $16,748 program was funded through the Tasmanian Government's Healthy Tasmania Community Innovations Grant program, with Council contributing additional funds to meet the total cost. Give it a Go set a foundation for the continuation of local after-school activities into the future.

154,716
Hours of centre-based child care provided (centre numbers were impacted due to COVID-19)

23
Playgrounds

173.7ha
of managed parks and reserves

11
Ovals/sports fields maintained

8.5km
Walking tracks maintained

14,003
Visits to Cygnet Sports Centre visits (closed 25 March to 13 July)

17,001
Port Huon Sports & Aquatic Centre visits (closed 25 March to 13 July)

18,205
Huonville Swimming Pool visits

34
New citizens welcomed to our country

Corporate Services

- Developed the Business Continuity Plan and ICT Disaster Recovery Plan
- In response to COVID-19 pandemic, extensive work undertaken by the ICT staff to ensure continuity of internet/access services for employees working remotely, and to support online meeting formats for both internal meetings and Council meetings
- Pandemic Contingency Plan endorsed by Business Continuity Team
- Completed COVID-19 Safety Plans for workspaces
- Redesigned the monthly financial reports to make them more contemporary, and developed new budget documents to provide a high level of information and transparency
- Developed a new financial model for forecasting and scenario planning, and to underpin Council's long-term financial plan
- Commenced a Customer Service survey (paused due to the Customer Service Centre closure due to COVID-19 but will recommence in 20/21)
- Developed and adapted a suite of arrangements, agreements and policies in direct response to COVID-19 pandemic
- Started negotiations for employee Enterprise Agreement

Community Services

Medical services:

- Undertook an extensive recruitment process for the recruitment of General Practitioners with Dover and Geeveston Medical Centres
- Dover Medical Centre received accreditation by the Australian General Practice Accreditation Limited (AGPAL) for a further three-year period

Community development:

- Launched the *Huon Beings: Faces of the Huon* exhibition for Harmony Week to uncover and celebrate stories of diversity and harmony across our community
- Rolled out #huonyouth project on the new @huonbeings Instagram page and in postcard form, placing the spotlight on four young writers and highlighting their experience of living in a rural community

- Held 'In the Zone' youth event at Huonville Skate Park for Mental Health Week
- Held Seniors Week event at Huonville Town Hall with Playback Theatre
- Delivered series of free Resilience Co online talks focusing on supporting parents and carers to give their children the skills they need to thrive and navigate life's challenges
- Hosted Turning Professional, a networking and business-development workshop series for Huon Valley artists and makers
- Launched Community Directory on www.huonvalleytas.com
- Started developing our Reconciliation Action Plan

Recreation Services:

- Completed Huon Valley Bushfire Debrief report
- Upgraded the Huonville Foreshore Junior Playground in consultation with the community
- Upgraded the Dover Playground in consultation with the community
- Repaired significant teredo worm damage to the Charlotte Cove and Shipwrights Point jetties
- Completed the development of the Ranelagh Recreation Ground Master Plan and undertook community engagement
- Started developing the Huon Valley Recreation Plan, including completion of community engagement
- Developed COVID-19 Safety Plans for recreation areas including playgrounds, sports grounds/ buildings, and sports centres
- Developed the Franklin Foreshore Rehabilitation and Development Plan following successful allocation of funding from the State Government

Emergency Management:

- Participated in working group to develop a state-wide Evacuation Registration platform for Councils to use during emergency events

3
Citizenship ceremonies held

1,381
Gearing Up learner driving program on-road hours

26
Gearing Up learner driving program number of mentors

66
Gearing Up learner driving program number of learners

708.95km
Length of roads maintained

208
Bridges

237
Building applications approved

355
Planning applications approved

19
Subdivision applications approved

283
Plumbing applications approved

- Reviewed and updated the Huon Valley Emergency Management Plan
- Reviewed and updated the Huon River Flood Standard Operating Procedure for the Huonville central business district
- Huon Valley Flood Studies commissioned in 2018 were used to inform flood mitigation works on the Huonville stormwater system
- Hosted bushfire awareness programs in preparation of the 2020 bushfire season following the 2019 bushfires
- Met regularly with regional authorities on the Tasmanian response to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Activated Emergency Management and Community Recovery Plans in response to the COVID-19 pandemic

Communications, Media and Engagement:

- Hosted Australia Day celebrations, awards and Citizenship Ceremony at Heritage Park, Geeveston
- Produced a range of Digital Art videos including Huon Beings stories, home workouts by Cygnet Sports Centre, National Volunteer Week promotional film, and regular Mayor's messages during COVID-19
- Introduced a weekly e-newsletter to keep community members up to date on Council and community projects, activities and events
- Started developing a Communications Strategy
- Implemented the Community Engagement Framework, with a total of 19 engagements completed
- Redeveloped the Have Your Say webpage
- Published 51 media releases and 174 new items

Children's Services:

- Commenced a Pre-Kinder program at the Cottage, Huonville
- Geeveston Early Learning and Care underwent Assessment and Rating process, meeting the requirements of the National Quality Framework

Infrastructure Services

- Developed a Stormwater System Management Plan for urban areas throughout the Huon Valley. The Plan reflects current stormwater management practices and captures collective knowledge of stormwater reticulation.
- Delivered the largest capital works program, totalling $12.2 million, in the history of the Huon Valley:
  - Huonville Stormwater Upgrade
  - Arve Road Upgrade
  - Huonville Holistic Transport Network Study

- Reconstruction reseals for multiple roads
- New and upgraded buildings
- New walking tracks and footpaths
- Bridge replacements
- Electric vehicle charger installation

- Obtained a grant to complete the Port Huon to Geeveston Walking Track
- Completed Dover Kiln redevelopment and Dover Shoreline Walk

Legal & Governance Services

- Completed Ministerial Directions arising from the Board of Inquiry into the Council to the satisfaction of the Minister for Local Government
- Completed all recovery actions for monies lost as a result of collateralised debt obligations (CDO) investments and reported to the Council
- Commencement of a feasibility study into alternative transport and commuter/tourist route options for Jefferys Track
- Completed the Huon Valley Mountain Bike Feasibility Study
- Launched the Huon Platypus Augmented Reality project at the Geeveston Town Hall, and started development of the Arve Giant (Big Tree) Augmented Reality installation at Heritage Park, Geeveston
- Completion of *Local Government Act 1993* sale of land process for the potential sale of the Cygnet Medical Centre and conclusion of the Expression of Interest process
- Completed the Huon Valley Workforce Planning Study and preparations for release of the final report
- Completed review of the Council's two visitor information centres at Huonville and Geeveston, and closed the centres on 30 June 2020 following the decision to close made at Council's April 2020 meeting

252
Resident welcome packs issued

371,227
Website visits

51
Media releases

19
Letters of support issued to community groups for grant applications

116
Plumbing permit application assessments (onsite wastewater management systems)

113
Inspections undertaken under the *Food Act 2003*

33
Temporary Food registrations

149
Annual Food Business registrations

51
Annual Mobile Food Business registrations

9
Community partnership projects supported

- Provided submissions on a number of legislative reviews, including:
  - The review of Tasmania's Local Government Legislation Framework Reform Directions Paper
  - The Draft Place Names Bill 2019
  - The Draft Burial and Cremation Bill 2019
  - Amendments to the Local Government (General) Regulations 2015 (section 337 certificates)

Environment & Development Services

- Environmental Health, Recreational Water, and Drinking Water Quality Annual Reports completed
- Completed the annual Natural Resource Management weed management program, including the detection and containment of a new serious weed incursion to the Huon Valley, Mexican feathergrass (*Nassella tenuissima*)
- Provided $5,324 grant funding to NRM environmental projects
- Started developing the Huon Valley Council Waste Management Strategy
- Developed the draft Climate Change Strategy – Part A Mitigation Plan

6
Weed of the Month education campaigns delivered

131
Conservation-significant records uploaded to the Natural Values Atlas

930
Native trees provided to community natural resource management projects

3,658
Dogs registered

71
Lost or impounded animals/dogs reunited with owners

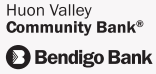
79
Fire hazard abatement notices issued

99
Fire hazard advice letters issued

Acknowledgements

We were successful in obtaining a number of grants, including the following, and acknowledge the support of the funding bodies.

FUNDING BODY	PROJECT TITLE	TOTAL GRANT AMOUNT (GST Exclusive)
Australian Government	Federal Assistance Grants	$1,923,193
Bendigo Community Bank	Building resilience in the Huon Valley – workshops for parents and caregivers	$2,420
Mental Health Council of Tasmania	In the Zone – pop-up youth space	$800
Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal	Huon Beings Touring Project	$2,067
Tasmanian Community Fund	ARTBOX Huon Valley – Mobile Exhibition Space	$20,000
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development – Community Development Grants Program	Huonville tennis court development	$75,000
TasRECOVERY Economic and Community Recovery Grants	Geeveston Big Tree augmented reality project	$12,000
TasRECOVERY Economic and Community Recovery Grants	Dover township entrance refurbishment	$44,184
Department of Communities, Sport and Recreation – Levelling the Playing Field	Huonville Recreation Ground change rooms	$284,592
Department Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications	Pedestrian footpath – Palmers Road, Port Huon	$1,250,000
Department Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications	Dover Kiln redevelopment	$100,000
Department of Health	Health and Wellbeing Project – Service Providers	$50,000
Department of Communities Tasmania	Huon Beings *Faces of the Huon* Harmony Day exhibition	$2,800
Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal	Community Mental Health First Aid training	$9,255
Department of Health and Human Services	Primary Health Fund Geeveston Medical Centre	$10,000
Department Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications	Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program (projects to be determined)	$664,685
Department of Health and Human Services	Primary Health Fund Dover Medical Centre	$10,000
Alcohol and Drug Foundation	Caring for our Community – Local Drug Action Team – Youth and Community Connection Project	$28,204
Department of State Growth	Learner Driver Mentor Program Funding 2020–21	$73,072
Libraries Tasmania, Department of Education	26TEN Employer Grants Program	$31,150
TOTAL		**$4,593,422**



Reporting on the Annual Plan

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
Process the development of a regional marketing identity that promotes the Huon Valley's unique attributes and quality products, producers and experiences. Implementation of Huon Valley Brand Implementation Plan 2019–2022 in accordance with the approved Action Plan.	ONGOING*

**Implementation of the Huon Valley Brand will continue to carry through in accordance with the Implementation Plan 2019–2022.*

Community Development

Coordinate Council's annual Community Grants program.	COMPLETE
Maintain and develop collaborative partnerships with community groups, organisations and agencies.	COMPLETE

Emergency Management

Review and update the Huon Valley Emergency Management Plan in accordance with Emergency Management Act 2006.	ONGOING*

**Draft completed pending final approval from Minister.*

Continue to implement the Huon Valley Community Recovery Plan including education and awareness for residents and property owners about potential hazards.	COMPLETE

Community Services Administration including Communications and Media

Development of Reconciliation Action Plan	ONGOING*

**Plan development commenced in 2019/2020 with completion expected in 2020/2021.*

Maintain and develop collaborative partnerships with community groups, organisations and agencies.	COMPLETE

Environmental Health

Conduct Environmental Health Officer 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
Provide Environmental Health advice and comment on Development Applications when referred.	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
Improve conservation outcomes on reserved land within the Huon Valley municipal area.	COMPLETE
Monitor threatened and conservation significant fauna and flora and make contributions to relevant scientific databases and studies.	COMPLETE
Implement the Huon Valley Weed Management Strategy and report annually on implementation progress.	COMPLETE
Engage and educate the community in NRM to raise awareness of the value of sustainably managed natural resources.	COMPLETE
Support local environmental care groups.	COMPLETE
Participate in NRM collaboration initiatives.	COMPLETE

Waste Management

Develop a Huon Valley Waste Management Strategy.	ONGOING*

**Strategy development commenced in 2019/2020 with completion expected in 2020/2021.*

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

Building & Plumbing

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

Planning

Provide planning information for applicants and public.	COMPLETE
Undertake strategic land use planning.	COMPLETE
Implementation of Local Planning Schedule for the Tasmanian Planning Scheme.	ONGOING*
**Draft Local Provision Schedule submitted to the Tasmanian Planning Commission.*	
Assessment of development applications and applications for subdivision completed within statutory timeframes.	COMPLETE
Amendments to Planning applications.	COMPLETE
Planning Appeals and Hearings.	COMPLETE
Development Engineering assessment for development applications and applications for subdivision.	COMPLETE
Review of Building and Plumbing applications lodged for ensuring consistency with prior Planning approvals.	COMPLETE
Development Engineering assessment of applications for works.	COMPLETE
Assess applications submitted under *Local Government (Building and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1993*.	COMPLETE

Climate Change

Develop HVC Climate Change Strategy.	ONGOING*
**Strategy development commenced in 2019/2020 with completion expected in 2020/2021.*	
Participation in RCCI/STCA Committee.	COMPLETE
Implement Cities Power Partnership Pledges.	COMPLETE

A Prosperous, Resilient Economy **Strategic Objective 2**

Economic Development

Presentation of six monthly implementation progress reports of the *Huon Valley Economic Development Strategy 2015–2020* in accordance with Strategy's schedules.	ONGOING*
**Review commenced however delayed due to COVID-19 and decision for closing Visitor Information Centres. Project to carry on into 2020/2021 when it will be completed.*	
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
Process the development of a regional marketing identity that promotes the Huon Valley's unique attributes and quality products, producers and experiences. Implementation of Huon Valley Brand Implementation Plan 2019–2022 in accordance with the approved Action Plan.	ONGOING*
**Implementation of the Huon Valley Brand will continue to carry through in accordance with the Implementation Plan 2019–2022*	
Encourage business networking within the Huon Valley and circulation of information and advice in relation to support and training opportunities.	COMPLETE

Community Development

Facilitate community and sector participation through the Huon Valley Arts and Culture Committee.	COMPLETE
Support the community to progress actions identified in the Huon Valley Arts and Culture Strategy.	COMPLETE
Develop and maintain an online Arts Directory.	COMPLETE
Subject to grant funding coordinate the Gearing Up Learner Driver Mentor program.	COMPLETE
Support festivals and events in the Huon Valley.	COMPLETE
Develop and Implement a *Huon Valley Events Guide*.	ONGOING*
**Draft developed and will be completed in 2020/2021.*	

Coordinate Council's annual Community Grants program.	COMPLETE
Maintain and develop collaborative partnerships with community groups, organisations and agencies.	COMPLETE

Children's Services

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

Community Services Administration including Communications and Media

Coordinate Council's annual Greg Norris Memorial Scholarships.	COMPLETE
Development of Reconciliation Action Plan	ONGOING*
**Plan development commenced in 2019/2020 with completion expected in 2020/2021.*	
Development of a Volunteering Strategy.	ONGOING*
**Work commenced through participation in Volunteering Tasmania Safeguarding Volunteering project to be completed 2020/2021.*	
Maintain and develop collaborative partnerships with community groups, organisations and agencies.	COMPLETE

Planning

Provide planning information for applicants and public.	COMPLETE
Undertake strategic land use planning.	COMPLETE
Implementation of Local Planning Schedule for the Tasmanian Planning Scheme.	ONGOING *
**Draft Local Provision Schedule submitted to the Tasmanian Planning Commission.*	
Amendments to Planning applications.	COMPLETE
Planning Appeals and Hearings.	COMPLETE
Development Engineering assessment for development applications and applications for subdivision.	COMPLETE

Review of Building and Plumbing applications lodged for ensuring consistency with prior Planning approvals.	COMPLETE
Development Engineering assessment of applications for works.	COMPLETE
Assess applications submitted under *Local Government (Building and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1993*.	COMPLETE

Capable and Productive People and Assets **Strategic Objective 3**

Governance

Continue the development of the Business Continuity Plan over the next two years.	COMPLETE

Economic Development

Process the development of a regional marketing identity that promotes the Huon Valley's unique attributes and quality products, producers and experiences. Implementation of Huon Valley Brand Implementation Plan 2019–2022 in accordance with the approved Action Plan.	ONGOING*

**Implementation of the Huon Valley Brand will continue to carry through in accordance with the Implementation Plan 2019–2022.*

Encourage business networking within the Huon Valley and circulation of information and advice in relation to support and training opportunities.	COMPLETE

Community Development

Facilitate active community and sector participation through the Huon Valley Health and Wellbeing Committee.	COMPLETE
Support the community to progress actions identified in the *Huon Valley Health and Wellbeing Strategy*.	COMPLETE

Develop and maintain an online Community Directory.	COMPLETE
Facilitate active youth participation through the Huon Valley Youth Committee.	COMPLETE
Manage the day to day operations of the Council's Retirement Villages in accordance with the *Retirement Villages Act 2004*.	COMPLETE
Facilitate community and sector participation through the Huon Valley Arts and Culture Committee.	COMPLETE
Support the community to progress actions identified in the *Huon Valley Arts and Culture Strategy*.	COMPLETE
Develop and maintain an online Arts Directory.	COMPLETE
Subject to grant funding coordinate the Gearing Up Learner Driver Mentor program.	COMPLETE
Support festivals and events in the Huon Valley.	COMPLETE
Develop and Implement a *Huon Valley Events Guide*.	ONGOING*
**Draft developed and will be completed in 2020/2021.*	
Coordinate Council's annual Community Grants program.	COMPLETE
Support the operations of Council's Facility Management Committees.	COMPLETE
Maintain and develop collaborative partnerships with community groups, organisations and agencies.	COMPLETE
Collaboratively deliver community events, including but not limited to, Children and Families Week, National Youth Week, NAIDOC Week, Harmony Day, Volunteer Week and Mental Health Week.	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 to support the transition of children from childcare to primary school.	COMPLETE
Construction of Outside School Hours Care Facility.	ONGOING*
**Concept plans completed pending securing financial support.*	
Review the delivery of children services across all programs.	COMPLETE

Medical Services

Work with key agencies to develop and deliver health and promotion of disease prevention activities and events.	COMPLETE
Continue to deliver medical services to the Dover and Geeveston community.	COMPLETE
Review the delivery of medical services across all programs.	COMPLETE

Recreation Services

Implementation of the Marine Facilities Strategy.	COMPLETE
Complete a feasibility study of a shared pathway from Huonville to Franklin.	ONGOING*
**Feasibility study completed pending Council endorsement.*	
Review the delivery of services at Port Huon Sport & Aquatic Centre, Cygnet Sport Centre and Huonville Swimming Pool.	COMPLETE
Management of Dover and Huon lawn cemeteries.	COMPLETE

Community Services Administration including Communications and Media

Coordinate Council's annual Greg Norris Memorial Scholarships.	COMPLETE
Development of Reconciliation Action Plan.	ONGOING*
**Plan development commenced in 2019/2020 with completion expected in 2020/2021.*	
Development of a Volunteering Strategy.	ONGOING*
**Work commenced through participation in Volunteering Tasmania Safeguarding Volunteering project to be completed 2020/2021.*	
Develop a Community Safety Alliance working group.	NOT STARTED*
**Not progressed as a Council working group.*	
Advocate for ongoing access to services and facilities.	COMPLETE
Maintain and develop collaborative partnerships with community groups, organisations and agencies.	COMPLETE

Engage with local training and education providers to develop training opportunities.	COMPLETE
Develop and implement a Communications Strategy.	ONGOING*
**Project continuing 2020/2021 due to COVID-19 impacts on resourcing.*	
Plan and deliver an annual Huon Valley Australia Day ceremony incorporating Citizen of the Year Awards and Citizenship Ceremonies.	COMPLETE
Plan and deliver an annual Huon Valley Volunteer Recognition ceremony incorporating Volunteer Service Awards.	COMPLETE

Environmental Health

Assessment of new food businesses (permanent and mobile food businesses) in accordance with the *Food Act 2003*.	COMPLETE

Natural Resource Management

Engage and educate the community in NRM to raise awareness of the value of sustainably managed natural resources.	COMPLETE

Waste Management

Develop a Huon Valley Waste Management Strategy.	ONGOING*
**Strategy development commenced in 2019/2020 with completion expected in 2020/2021.*	
Continue to develop and implement a community education program to encourage waste minimisation.	COMPLETE
Continue to operate Southbridge Re-Use Shop.	COMPLETE
Continue to provide a kerbside collection service and assess requests to expand service area.	COMPLETE
Undertake testing, reporting and monitor former land fill sites as required to meet conditions of the Environmental Protections Notices (EPNs).	ONGOING*
**Requirements for further testing under review.*	
Create and distribute Waste Management Guide to promote recycling and waste diversion.	COMPLETE

Parks and Reserves

Maintain Council's Parks, Reserves and Recreational facilities.	COMPLETE
Implement the asset replacement schedule in relation to Parks and Reserves in accordance with Council's Asset Management Plan.	COMPLETE
Undertake the Parks and Reserves Asset inspection programs.	COMPLETE

Technical Services

Review Asset Management Plans.	ONGOING*

**Full review of Asset Management practises is being undertaken prior to new individual plans being created.*

Administer, maintain and update asset data.	COMPLETE
Coordinate and respond to Service Requests.	COMPLETE
Develop Stormwater System Management Plans for each urban area.	COMPLETE
Progress of Huonville Main Drain stormwater diversion project.	COMPLETE
Issue permits required as a road authority under National Heavy Vehicle Regulator Law.	COMPLETE

Road Maintenance

Maintain Road Network in accordance with Council's Asset Management Plan and agreed service levels.	COMPLETE
Maintain footpaths, kerb and channel networks in accordance with Council's Asset Management Plan and agreed service levels.	COMPLETE
Maintain Bridge network in accordance with Council's Asset Management Plan and agreed service levels.	COMPLETE

Construction and Town Services

Delivery and implementation of the 2019–2020 Roads Capital Works Program.	COMPLETE
Delivery and implementation of the 2019–2020 Footpaths, Kerbs and Channel Capital Works Program.	COMPLETE
Delivery and implementation of the 2019–2020 Bridges Capital Works Program.	COMPLETE

Property Management

Undertake Essential Health and Safety Features Inspections and complete Annual Maintenance Statement.	COMPLETE
Inspect and maintain asbestos register.	COMPLETE
Maintain Council buildings in accordance with Council's Asset Management Plan and agreed service levels.	COMPLETE
Delivery and implementation of the 2019–2020 Buildings Capital Works Program.	ONGOING*

**Burtons Reserve toilet block replacement has commenced with an expected completion in first quarter of 2020/2021.*

Community Wellbeing and Liveability **Strategic Objective 4**

Economic Development

Process the development of a regional marketing identity that promotes the Huon Valley's unique attributes and quality products, producers and experiences. Implementation of Huon Valley Brand Implementation Plan 2019–2022 in accordance with the approved Action Plan.	ONGOING*

**Implementation of the Huon Valley Brand will continue to carry through in accordance with the Implementation Plan 2019–2022.*

Encourage business networking within the Huon Valley and circulation of information and advice in relation to support and training opportunities.	COMPLETE
Support the sustainable operation of the Huon Valley Visitor Centre and Geeveston Visitor Centre through the implementation of approved business plan.	COMPLETE

Community Development

Facilitate active community and sector participation through the Huon Valley Health and Wellbeing Committee.	COMPLETE
Support the community to progress actions identified in the *Huon Valley Health and Wellbeing Strategy*.	COMPLETE
Develop and maintain an online Community Directory.	COMPLETE
Facilitate active youth participation through the Huon Valley Youth Committee.	COMPLETE
Manage the day to day operations of the Council's Retirement Villages in accordance with the *Retirement Villages Act 2004*.	COMPLETE
Facilitate community and sector participation through the Huon Valley Arts and Culture Committee.	COMPLETE
Support the community to progress actions identified in the *Huon Valley Arts and Culture Strategy*.	COMPLETE
Develop and maintain an online Arts Directory.	COMPLETE
Subject to grant funding coordinate the Gearing Up Learner Driver Mentor program.	COMPLETE
Support festivals and events in the Huon Valley.	COMPLETE
Develop and Implement a *Huon Valley Events Guide*.	ONGOING*
**Draft developed and will be completed in 2020/2021.*	
Coordinate Council's annual Community Grants program.	COMPLETE
Support the operations of Council's Facility Management Committees.	COMPLETE
Maintain and develop collaborative partnerships with community groups, organisations and agencies.	COMPLETE
Collaboratively deliver community events, including but not limited to, Children and Families Week, National Youth Week, NAIDOC Week, Harmony Day Volunteer Week and Mental Health Week.	COMPLETE

Children's Services

Continue to provide a range of early learning and care options throughout the Huon Valley.	COMPLETE
Construction of Outside School Hours Care Facility.	ONGOING*
**Concept plans completed pending securing financial support.*	

Medical Services

Work with key agencies to develop and deliver health and promotion of 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
Continue to deliver medical services to the Dover and Geeveston community.	COMPLETE
Review the delivery of medical services across all programs.	COMPLETE

Recreation Services

Continue to operate and promote the Port Huon Sports & Aquatic Centre, Cygnet Sports Centre and the Huonville Swimming Pool.	COMPLETE
Development and implementation of the Huon Lawn Cemetery Master Plan.	ONGOING*
**Draft plan completed pending outcome of expression of interest for sale of land.*	
Liaise with community sporting groups, Department of Communities, Sport and Recreation, and Special Committees of Council to maintain close working relationships, and identify and seek funding opportunities.	COMPLETE
Development and Implementation of the Huon Valley Recreation Plan.	ONGOING*
**Community engagement on draft completed with final plan scheduled for endorsement in July 2020.*	
Development and Implementation of the Ranelagh Recreation Ground Master Plan.	COMPLETE
Management of playgrounds, recreation areas including sports grounds and dog exercise areas.	COMPLETE

Emergency Management

Maintain networks with key stakeholders, e.g. 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
To ensure the capacity of operate sites as identified in the Emergency Management Plan including annual reviews of identified sites and activation procedures.	COMPLETE
Implementation of the four Huon Valley Flood Studies' recommendations.	COMPLETE

Community Services Administration including Communications and Media

Coordinate Council's annual Greg Norris Memorial Scholarships.	COMPLETE
Development of Reconciliation Action Plan	ONGOING*
**Plan development commenced in 2019/2020 with completion expected in 2020/2021.*	
Development of a Volunteering Strategy.	ONGOING*
**Work commenced through participation in Volunteering Tasmania Safeguarding Volunteering project to be completed 2020/2021.*	
Advocate for ongoing access to services and facilities.	COMPLETE
Maintain and develop collaborative partnerships with community groups, organisations and agencies.	COMPLETE
Develop and implement a Communications Strategy.	ONGOING*
**Project continuing 2020/2021 due to COVID-19 impacts on resourcing.*	
Plan and deliver an annual Huon Valley Australia Day ceremony incorporating Citizen of the Year Awards and Citizenship Ceremonies.	COMPLETE
Plan and deliver an annual Huon Valley Volunteer Recognition ceremony incorporating Volunteer Service Awards.	COMPLETE
Facilitate community engagement on behalf of Council in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Framework.	COMPLETE

Environmental Health

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
Make amendments to the Environmental Health Plan where applicable and consider whether Council adoption/endorsement is required.	COMPLETE
Undertake inspections and enforcement as required under the *Food Act 2003*.	COMPLETE
Perform inspections of events where Place of Assembly Licences have been issued to ensure compliance with *Public Health Act 1997* and other relevant components of the *Building Act 2016*.	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 Permits.	COMPLETE

Compliance

Enforce the *Dog Control Act 2000* in accordance with the *Huon Valley Dog Management Policy*.	COMPLETE
Assess applications in relation to licence to keep dogs under the *Dog Control Act 2000*.	COMPLETE
Undertake Fire Hazard Abatement Program including community awareness campaign and education and assistance to landowners as required.	COMPLETE
Enforce the L*and Use Planning and Approvals Act (LUPAA) 1993* in accordance with the Huon Valley Interim Planning Scheme (HVIPS) 2015.	COMPLETE
Enforce the *Traffic Act 1925* and enforce Council By-Laws relating to vehicle parking and use of Council land and roads.	COMPLETE
Managing and responding to escaped livestock including impounding and seizure.	COMPLETE
Continue to reunite impounded or at large dogs and other animals with their owners.	COMPLETE

Building and Plumbing

Enforce the *Building Act 2016* to ensure compliance with the Building Regulations and Plumbing Regulations.	COMPLETE

Council Sustainability, Capacity and Governance **Strategic Objective 5**

Legal

Implement the Council's Land Strategy and the undertaking of all conveyancing and land acquisition on behalf of the Council.	COMPLETE
Periodic review of Council Leases, licences and land holdings including maintenance of land registers.	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.	ONGOING*
**Amended By-Laws under preparation, however delayed due to COVID-19 Emergency.*	
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 any Council court action, 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
Review, comment and participate in debate on proposed legislative or policy changes as they affect Council operations including the review of the legislative framework for Local Government and the making of submissions to the Government, 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
Review and respond to correspondence from Crown Land Services regarding applications for purchase or licence of Crown land.	COMPLETE

Governance

Preparation of Council meeting, General Manager's Performance Review Committee, Audit Panel Committee and Councillor Workshop Agendas and Minutes in accordance with Statutory requirements.	COMPLETE
Actively participate in peak Local Government bodies (LGAT and TasWater).	COMPLETE
Oversee, review and update annually the Council's Corporate Risk Register in conjunction with the Executive Leadership Team.	ONGOING*
**Risk Management recently delayed due to COVID-19 emergency.*	
Coordinate the preparation and review of the Council's Annual Plan.	COMPLETE
Implementation of the Internal Audit Plan.	COMPLETE
Coordinate the implementation of the Ministerial Directions and review of the Board of Inquiry recommendations.	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

Investigate and implement Customer Service satisfaction survey and analysis of feedback received.	ONGOING*
**The survey was commenced but due to the closure of the Customer Service Centre due to COVID-19. The survey will be recommenced in 20/21.*	
Participate in training.	COMPLETE

Review and update the Customer Service Charter every four years.	ONGOING*
**A draft of the revised Charter has been considered at a Council workshop. The Charter will be finalised in 2020/21.*	
Processing of Council Certificates (Section 132).	COMPLETE
Ensuring property ownership details are current.	COMPLETE
Processing of property supplementary revaluations.	COMPLETE
Provide a high standard of customer service both internally and externally.	COMPLETE

Finance

Review and update Financial Management Strategy (FMS) and Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP)	ONGOING*
**Not completed due to COVID-19 but has been carried forward into 20/21.*	
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.	COMPLETE

Information Management

Review the ICT Strategy 2015 and update for Council endorsement.	ONGOING*
**Not completed due to COVID-19 but has been carried forward into 20/21.*	
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
Implement a Disaster Recovery Plan for critical IT assets.	ONGOING*
**The Disaster Recovery Plan was implemented during the COVID-19 emergency. In 20/21 the Plan will be updated for learnings.*	

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.	ONGOING*
**This item has been split into more specific actions and carried forward into 20/21.*	
Implement processes to control and reduce WHS risk activities.	COMPLETE
Implementation of a new payroll system kiosk.	ONGOING*
**Not completed due to COVID-19 but has been carried forward into 20/21.*	
Measure Lost Time Injury (LTIs) and Medical Treatment Injury Rate (MTIRs).	COMPLETE
Develop a Recruitment Process Feedback Form for new recruits to review and measure recruitment process feedback.	COMPLETE
To review feedback received from exit interviews.	COMPLETE
Maintain full contingent of HSR's and Contact Officers and develop the responsibilities of those HSR's and Contact Officers Monitor and administrate WHS Inspection Forms.	COMPLETE

Community Services Administration including Communications and Media

Communicate and promote Council information, events and activities to the local media and community.	COMPLETE
Review, update and implement Council's Style Guide	COMPLETE
Develop and implement a Communications Strategy.	ONGOING*
**Project continuing 2020/2021 due to COVID-19 impacts on resourcing.*	

Planning

Provide planning information for applicants and public.	COMPLETE
Implementation of Local Planning Schedule for the Tasmanian Planning Scheme.	ONGOING*
**Draft Local Provision Schedule submitted to the Tasmanian Planning Commission.*	
Amendments to Planning applications.	COMPLETE
Planning Appeals and Hearings.	COMPLETE
Development Engineering assessment for development applications and applications for subdivision.	COMPLETE
Review of Building and Plumbing applications lodged for ensuring consistency with prior Planning approvals.	COMPLETE
Development Engineering assessment of applications for works.	COMPLETE
Assess applications submitted under Local Government (Building and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1993.	COMPLETE

Statutory Reports

for the period ending 30 June 2020

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 set of 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 2019–20 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 2019–20 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.

Five complaints were lodged in relation to alleged breaches of the Code of Conduct in the 2019–20 financial year against two Councillors.

Two complaints were dismissed by the Chairperson of the Code of Conduct Panel on initial assessment. Following a hearing by the panel, two complaints were partially upheld, and one complaint was dismissed.

The total cost in respect of all code of conduct complaints dealt with during the financial year was $6,778.82 (excluding GST). It should be noted that these costs related to complaints lodged in the 2018/2019 financial year. Due to COVID-19, invoices had not been issued to Council for any complaints lodged and dealt with in the 2019/2020 financial year. These will be reflected in the 2020/2021 figures.

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 one complaint which was found to be unsubstantiated and therefore required no further action.

Integrity Commission Complaints

Since 2017 the Integrity Commission has been providing individual councils with updates on the number of complaints during the financial year.

The Commission received three complaints regarding the Huon Valley Council during the 2019–2020 financial year. All complaints were dismissed.

Collatoralised debt obligation investments

In 2006 $4 million of Council funds were invested in synthetic collatoralised debt obligation investments (CDOs).

As a result of the global financial crisis, between mid-2007 and early 2009, losses to the investment principle were incurred in the amount of $3,760,000.

The loss of the invested monies created considerable interest and concern in the community. This has been the subject of many questions and reports at Council meetings and was raised as part of the Board of Inquiry into the Council in 2016.

As a result, a full and detailed report on the history and resolution of CDO issues was presented to the August 2019 ordinary meeting.

Of the original investment, $3 million was in the PURE CDO investment and $1 million in the OASIS CDO investment. Both investments were AAA rated by Standard & Poor's (S&P) and presented by the Commonwealth Bank (the Bank).

The Council received interest on the investment until the impacts of the global financial crisis resulted in the loss of the invested monies.

The entirety of the $3 million PURE investment was lost on 25 March 2010 and $760,000 was lost on the OASIS investment when the balance was sold for mitigation of losses on 11 February 2011.

Law firm Piper Alderman was engaged and the Council subsequently participated in a class action against the Bank. Council participation was as a member of the class action only: the lead litigants to the actions in respect to the Council's PURE and OASIS investments were Clurname Pty Ltd and Gloucester Shire Council in Federal Court proceedings No. 778/2012.

Action was taken on the basis of breach of a fiduciary duty, breach of contract, negligence, and misleading and deceptive conduct.

The Council was not in a position to take on the individual risk associated with legal action for recovery of the losses due to the risk of incurring legal costs.

As a result, Council's participation was based upon the action being funded by a litigation funder. Council would then be protected against cost orders should the action be unsuccessful. The basis of the litigation funding agreement was that the litigation funder would take up to 40 per cent of any judgement or settlement of the action based upon time taken to complete. Apportionment of legal costs and project management fees would also apply to any judgement or settlement.

As a result, Council's final return in any successful claim would be reduced by those amounts, reflecting the risk taken in, and the costs of, the action.

In December 2014, the principal solicitor and legal team undertaking the action moved from Piper Alderman to law firm Squire Patton Boggs, and that firm continued the action on behalf of the parties.

The class action against the Bank was settled in 2015. Council is bound by the terms of the confidential settlement, which was not published by the Court, however funds received from the settlement were reported in the financial statements of the 2014/2015 and 2015/2016 financial years, as that reporting is a requirement at law.

A net total of $1,161,866.61 was recovered from the Bank following apportionment of all costs.

Council subsequently joined a further class action against the rating agency S&P to recover the remaining losses. As with the case against the Bank, the Council's participation was as a class member and subject to the protection of the litigation funding agreement. Clurname Pty Ltd, Goulburn Mulwaree Council and Circular Head Council were the lead litigants with respect to the Council's PURE and OASIS investment claims.

The claim against S&P was on the basis that the credit ratings applied to the financial products misrepresented the security and quality of the products and in addition the tort of deceit was also pursued.

On 9 August 2018, a judgement was provided confirming the settlement of the class action claims. Settlement was based upon 90 per cent of all losses, plus interest, to the date of judgement. As with settlement against the Bank, this was discounted by the amount recovered from the Bank, the 40 per cent litigation funder contribution and project management fees.

Funds from the settlement of $2,371,181.24 were received on 1 July 2019.

A total amount of $3,754,149.48 has been recovered both as a result of the sale of the OASIS investment and the legal action. This has resolved all actions available to the Council in relation to recovery of losses arising from the CDO investments, and finalised the matter.

It is important to note that Council has since adopted an investment of funds policy which ensures that investments are distributed across a number of investment portfolios on a low-risk basis.

Council's investments are reported to Council on a monthly basis and monitored on an ongoing basis.

Right to Information Act 2009

This report is provided in accordance with the General Manager's responsibilities as principal officer of the council under 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 www.huonvalley.tas.gov.au and includes copies of Council minutes and agendas, progressive publication of Council policies and strategies, Council's Strategic Plan and Annual Plan.

General information is also made available in relation to application processes at the Customer Service Centre, and much information is also 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 2019–20 = 10

Applications accepted

Number of applications for assessed disclosure **accepted** for decision during 2019–20 = 9

Number of applications for assessed disclosure received **not accepted** for decision during 2019–20 = 1

Applications decided

Number of applications **accepted during 2019–20** and **decided** during 2019–20 = 8

The number of accepted applications **decided** during 2019–20 where the outcome was:

- The information requested was provided in full = 1
- The information requested was provided in part = 7
- 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 2019–20 = 2

Exemptions

The number of applications decided where information requested was **exempted** from disclosure in full or part = 7

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

Information relating to closed meetings of Council (s.32) = 3

Personal information of a person other than the applicant (s.36) = 5

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

Information obtained in confidence (s.39) = 1

Withdrawn

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

Time to make decisions

Number of accepted applications **decided between 1 and 20 workings days** of the applications being accepted = 7

Number of applications that involved a negotiated extension = 1

Reviews

Internal reviews

Number of internal reviews that were requested = 3

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 2019–20:

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

For the purposes of section 72(1)(e) of the Act, a council needs 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	Period	Extension period	Value	Business Name	Business Address
Supply of Pavement Stabilisation on Selected Roads	2019–2020	N/A	$363,975	Andrew Walter Constructions	2 Whitestone Drive, Austins Ferry, Tasmania 7011
Supply and or Laying of Bituminous Surfacing of Roads	2019–2020	N/A	$607,607	Rockit Asphalting	1521 Channel Highway, Margate, Tasmania 7054
Supply, Delivery and or Placement of Concrete, Gravels and Loams	2019–2020	N/A	$457,682	Duggans Pty Ltd	8420 Channel Highway, Cradoc, Tasmania 7109
Supply and/or Delivery of Re-Sheeting Gravel	2019–2020	N/A	$134,454	Duggans Pty Ltd	8420 Channel Highway, Cradoc, Tasmania 7109
Supply, Delivery and or Placement of Concrete, Gravels and Loams	2019–2020	N/A	$530,000	CM Concreting	1 Ellison Street, Huonville, Tasmania 7109
Demolition/Construction Burtons Reserve Amenities Building	2019–2020	N/A	$271,298	AJ & JK Woolley	1108 Glen Huon Road, Glen Huon, Tasmania 7109

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) have been applied, with the following details:

Description	Amount	Name of the Supplier	Reason
Supply and installation of modular change rooms	$464,455	Homes4You	Demonstrated ability to meet the AFL Preferred Facilities Guidelines and commencement date to accommodate the commencement of the football season and difference in quoted costs.

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	Period	Extension period	Value	Business Name	Business Address
Supply and/or Delivery of Re-Sheeting Gravel	2019–2020	N/A	$121,985	Phillips Civil Contracting	20 Dawson Road, Cairns Bay, Tasmania 7116
Professional services in relation to Huonville Link Road	2019–2021	N/A	$109,730	Burbury Consulting	2/2 Gore Street, South Hobart, Tasmania 7004

Grants and Benefits

In accordance with Section 77 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, we have listed below all details of grants made and benefits provided during the financial year.

A benefit provided may include:

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

RECIPIENT	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Damien English	In-kind event support – equipment loan for Huon Community Bonfire Night	$212
Huon Valley Mid-Winter Festival	In-kind event support – equipment loan for HVMWF	$353
Huon Valley Mid-Winter Festival	Event support – HVMWF community support	$1,636
Lily Schuecker-Rush	Community support – National Interschool Showjumping Competition	$350
Huon Valley Netball Association	Community support – Combined Netball Association Championships	$500
Nicholas Kerr	Community support – Australian National Gymnastics carnival	$350
Huon Valley Little Athletics Club	Community support – School Sports Australia Athletics	$500
Eli Wright	Community support – National Youth Soccer Championships	$350
Samuel Voss	Community support – Cricket Australia National Under-17 Carnival	$350
Mia Thorpe	Community support – National Championships Cheerleading	$350
Niamh Auld	Community support – Australian Irish Dancing Nationals	$350
Hunter Thorpe	Community support – U13s Little Athletics State Team	$350
Equal Together	In-kind event support – equipment loan for Mental Health Week celebrations	$101
Cygnet Arts Council	Event support – Quirky Shows	$640
Huon and Kingston FM	In-kind event support – equipment loan	$12
Sarah Swanson	In-kind event support – equipment loan – Franklin Halloween	$40
St James Catholic College	In-kind event support – equipment loan for Twilight School Fair	$178
Reconciliation Tasmania	Event support grant – Dark Emu Festival	$500
Huon Agricultural Society	Event support – Huon Show 2019	$300
Huon Agricultural Society	In-kind event support – equipment loan – 2019 Huon Agricultural Show	$247
Glen Huon Hall Management Committee	Event support – 2019 Glen Huon Christmas Carols	$200
Samantha O'May	Greg Norris Memorial Health Scholarship 2017 – final payment	$1,500

Huon District Lions Christmas Parade Committee	In-kind event support – equipment loan – 2019 Huonville Christmas parade and party	$408
Crystelle Vanderplas	Greg Norris Memorial Health Scholarship 2019 – first payment	$2,000
Cygnet Primary School	Educational Award	$50
Dover District School	Educational Award	$50
Franklin Primary School	Educational Award	$50
Geeveston Primary School	Educational Award	$50
Glen Huon Primary School	Educational Award	$50
Huonville High School	Educational Award	$50
Huonville Primary School	Educational Award	$50
Peregrine School	Educational Award	$50
Sacred Heart Catholic School	Educational Award	$50
St James Catholic College	Educational Award	$50
Glen Huon Hall Management Committee	In-kind event support – equipment loan – 2019 Glen Huon Carols & Fireworks	$308
Geeveston Fire Brigade	In-kind event support – equipment loan – 2019 Geeveston Christmas Pageant	$155
Dover and South Action Group	In-kind event support – equipment loan – Tassal 10 Dover Fun Run	$319
Cygnet Folk Festival	Event support – 2020 Cygnet Folk Festival	$300
Cygnet Folk Festival	In-kind event support- equipment loan and labour hire including vehicle – 2020 Cygnet Folk Festival	$3,915
Dover and South Action Group	Event support – 2020 Dover Seafest	$500
Long-Steps Ballroom Dancing	Event support grant – STOMP the Floor fundraiser	$200
Judbury Markets	In-kind event support – equipment loan – Judbury Markets	$90
Josiah Muggeridge	Greg Norris Memorial Health Scholarship 2019 – first payment	$1,500
Cancer Council	Event support – Cancer Council Relay for Life	$500
Cancer Council	In-kind event support – equipment loan – Relay for Life 2020	$1,055
Cygnet Arts Council	Event support – Circus Skills Workshop	$200
Huon and Kingston FM	Community grant – studio backup power	$1,800
Judbury Progress Association	Community grant – Upper Huon Bushfire-Ready mural	$1,000
Huonville Bowls and Community Club	Community grant – insulation in roof of clubhouse	$2,807
Port Cygnet Men's Shed	Community grant – removal of dirt bank	$2,000
Meals on Wheels	Community grant – replacement of office equipment	$1,000
Huonville Fire Brigade	Community grant – Fix our Fridge	$3,000
Port Cygnet Men's Shed	Community grant – fridge replacement	$1,300

Huon District Pony & Riding Club	Community grant – cross-country course safety upgrade	$3,000
Glen Huon Hall Management Committee	Community grant – Glen Huon community carols and fireworks	$2,000
Geeveston Golf Club	Community grant – comfortable seating for the clubhouse outside deck	$1,000
Van Diemen's Band	Community grant – Van Diemen's Band Christmas Concert 2019	$3,000
Pensioners Association Tasmania	Community grant – community consultation – Judbury to Mountain River small bus community transport	$3,000
Franklin Bowls Club	Community grant – replacement of external seating	$1,782
Cygnet Folk Festival	Community grant – free community events at the Cygnet Folk Festival	$2,800
Huon Valley Concert Band	Community grant – new swing band chart music	$896
Huon Yacht Club	Community grant – Junior Sailing Program	$1,000
Castle Forbes Bay Recreation Club	Community grant – Fire Ready – buying and installing firefighting equipment	$767
Southern Tigers Cricket Club	Community grant – energy-efficient lighting upgrade – Franklin clubrooms	$1,000
Taste of the Huon Committee	In-kind event support – equipment loan – 2020 Taste of the Huon	$257
Dover and South Action Group	In-kind event support – equipment loan – 2020 Dover Seafest	$306
Matthew Cameron	COVID-19 Quick Response grant – Huon Valley Mountain Biking and Trail Building Club	$1,000
Ruth Lindsell (Ripples Art Farm)	COVID-19 Quick Response grant – 'Art in the Bush' interactive art installation workshops for young people	$1,000
Huon Valley Mid-Winter Festival	COVID-19 Quick Response grant – VIRTUAL – free live-streaming of Mid-Winter Festival	$1,000
Huonville High School	COVID-19 Quick Response grant – Café Karma student training café – redevelopment	$1,000
Huon Art Exhibitions Group	COVID-19 Quick Response grant – 'Art in Pandemic' online exhibition	$1,000
Circular Economy	COVID-19 Quick Response grant – Inspirational Huon enterprises	$1,000
Darren Lindsell	COVID-19 Quick Response grant – Heart and Soul of the Huon Valley art installation	$1,000
Geeveston Girl Guides	COVID-19 Quick Response grant – Geeveston Girl Guides at Home project	$1,000
Robyn Kazada (Castle Forbes Bay Recreation Club)	COVID-19 Quick Response grant – Castle Forbes Bay Recreation Club art exhibition	$1,000
Cygnet Folk Festival	COVID-19 Quick Response grant – Cygnet Folk Festival 40-Year Retrospective	$1,000
Geeveston Progress Association	COVID-19 Quick Response grant – Geeveston Town Hall public toilet mural project	$1,000
Balfour House	COVID-19 Quick Response grant – Chalk Haiku	$1,000
Nel Smit – Huonville High School Energy Hub	COVID-19 Quick Response grant – Building Climate Resilience: Local Skills Workshops	$1,000

Huon Disability Network	COVID-19 Quick Response grant – Facilitated Strategic Planning Day	$1,000
Geeveston Community Centre (GeCo)	COVID-19 Quick Response grant – Creating for Our Future	$1,000
Kathy O'Hara and Valarie Matsumoto	COVID-19 Quick Response grant – Billycart Bonanza	$1,000
Huonville Bulls Cricket Club	COVID-19 Quick Response grant – junior and women's cricket programs	$700
Cygnet Community Children's Centre	COVID-19 Quick Response grant – Heartfelt in Nature	$995
Lady Jane Heritage Park	COVID-19 Quick Response grant – St John's Church exhibition lighting	$1,000
Cygnet Arts Council	Cygnet Town Hall fee waiver – event support – Quirky Shows	$360
Cygnet Folk Festival	Cygnet Town Hall fee reduction – event support – CFF 2020	$500
Father Tate	Hire of Mountain River and Ranelagh Halls – event support – Pilgrimage Walk	$280
Franklin Progress Association	Palais Theatre fee waiver – event support – Fires Q&A	$120
Huon Art Exhibitions Group	Cygnet Town Hall waiver – event support – Huon Art Award	$500
Mental Health Council of Tasmania	Waiver of Huonville Town Hall – 4 March 2020 – event support	$120
Cygnet Arts Council	Waiver of Cygnet Sports Centre – Circus Workshops – event support	$160
TOTAL		**$75,769**

Public Health Statement

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH – STATEMENT FOR 2019–20

Council's Environmental Health Unit is responsible for the monitoring and regulation of environmentally relevant activities, while 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 200 registered food businesses in the municipal area during the 2019–2020 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 88 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 93 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. 116 assessments were undertaken.

There are three swimming pools within the Huon Valley municipal area that are offered for public use. A total of 30 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 21 businesses registered with Council under the *Public Health Act 1997* as a supplier of private water and six 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*. The COVID-19 pandemic caused the second session of the SBIP to be postponed until March 2021. Grade 7 students received the diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine (dTpa), as well as the human papillomavirus vaccine (Gardasil). Grade 10 students received the meningococcal vaccine (Nimenrix).

Below is a summary of the activities conducted by the Environmental Health Unit during the financial year in accordance with the 2019–2020 Annual Plan.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT 1997

Type of Premises / Activity	No.	Inspections	Notices/comments
Specific events licence for place of assembly	6	4	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 2019/2020
Commercial water carriers	6	6	
Private water suppliers	21	0	Annual inspections of private water suppliers not mandatory
Public health risk activity (ear and body piercing and tattoo)	3	3	Tattoo businesses
Pools and spas	3	0	30 samples submitted for analysis which is compliant with sampling requirements
School based immunisations:			Immunisation sessions conducted in October 2019 for three high schools. March 2020 immunisations were postponed due to COVID-19.
Human papillomavirus (Gardasil)	1		
Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (dTpa)	11		
Nimenrix (meningococcal)	66		
Complaints relating to unhealthy housing	3	2	Inspections conducted where deemed necessary
Notifiable disease notifications	2	2	All notifications actioned
Permits for private burials and exhumation supervisions	0	0	

FOOD ACT 2003

Type of Premises / Activity	No.	Inspections	Notices/comments
Annually registered permanent registered food business	149	88	
Annually registered mobile food businesses	51	93	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	6	2	Inspections conducted where deemed necessary
Temporary food registrations	33	6	
Orders or notices served on food premises	1		1 improvement notice served
Approval of plans for new or alterations to existing food premises	1	1	

ENVIRONMENTAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH NUISANCES

- *Environmental Management & Pollution Control Act 1994 (EMPCA)*
- *Local Government Act 1993* (LGA)

Complaints received	113
Environment Protection Notices served/ongoing	7
Abatement Notices served (LGA)	7
Infringement notices served (EMPCA) and Litter Act 2007	3

BUILDING ACT 2016 / LAND USE PLANNING AND APPROVALS ACT 1993

On-site waste water assessments for plumbing permits	116
Development Application referrals including subdivision referrals	38

Council Audit Panel

for the period ending 30 June 2020

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, Deputy Mayor Sally Doyle and Cr Mick Newell.

Cr Newell resigned in May 2020, replaced by Cr Christine Campbell.

Alison Flakemore and David Sales concluded their terms on 30 June 2020 and we thank them for their service.

Meetings

The Huon Valley Council Audit Panel met formally four times during the financial year:

- 13 August 2019
- 2 October 2019
- 5 December 2019
- 12 May 2020

Meetings took place at the Huon Valley Council Chambers, Main Road, Huonville. The scheduled 17 March 2020 meeting was cancelled due to COVID-19. The May 2020 meeting was held electronically.

Meeting attendance

Attendee	Position	August 2019	Oct 2019	Dec 2019	May 2020
Alison Flakemore	Member Independent Chairperson	✓	✓	✓	✓
David Sales	Member Independent Member	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cr Doyle	Deputy Mayor	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cr Newell	Councillor	✓	✓	✓	✓

Executive Management, senior managers and staff of the Council attended meetings as required. Administrative support was provided to the Panel by Council staff.

Annual Financial Statements

Annual Financial Statements

Year Ended 30th June, 2020

The consolidated financial report presents fairly the financial position of the Huon Valley Council (ABN 77 602 207 026) as at 30 June 2020, 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

Tasmanian Audit Office

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Councillors of Huon Valley Council

Report on the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Report

Opinion

I have audited the financial report of Huon Valley Council (Council) and its subsidiary (the Group), which comprises the consolidated statement of financial position as at 30 June 2020 and consolidated statements of comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows for the year then ended, notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the statement of certification by the General Manager.

In my opinion, the accompanying financial report:

(a) presents fairly, in all material respects, the Group's financial position as at 30 June 2020 and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended

(b) is in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993* and Australian Accounting Standards.

Basis for Opinion

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

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

My audit responsibility does not extend to the budget figures included in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income, the asset renewal funding ratio disclosed in note 34, nor the Significant Business Activities disclosed in note 36 to the financial report and accordingly, I express no opinion on them.

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

Key Audit Matters

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

Why this matter is considered to be one of the most significant matters in the audit	Audit procedures to address the matter included
Valuation of property and infrastructure *Refer to notes 19 and 35*	
Property and infrastructure at 30 June 2020 includes a number of assets recorded at fair value, including land, land under roads, buildings, roads, bridges, stormwater, footpath and kerb, totalling $239.14m. The fair values of these assets are based on either market values or current replacement cost. Council undertakes formal revaluations on a regular basis to ensure valuations represent fair value. Indexation is applied to fair values between formal valuations. In 2019-20 Council undertook a detailed revaluation of roads, bridges and building assets. Land under roads was revalued applying a relevant rate to the area of the land within the municipality. The majority of other infrastructure assets were revalued by applying appropriate indexation. In determining the value of roads, bridges and buildings, Council exercises significant judgement and the valuation is highly dependent on a range of assumptions and estimates. For these reasons, the valuation of roads, bridges and buildings is an area requiring particular audit attention.	• Assessing the scope, expertise and independence of experts involved in the valuations. • Evaluating the appropriateness of the valuation methodology applied to determine fair values. • Critically assessing assumptions and other key inputs in the valuation models, including corroboration of assumptions to external data and application of the applicable cost index. • Evaluating the assumptions and inputs applied in the valuation of land under roads. • Evaluating the adequacy of disclosures made in the financial report, including those regarding key assumptions used.

Responsibilities of the General Manager for the Financial Report

The General Manager is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Local Government Act 1993* and for

such internal control as determined necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the General Manager is responsible for assessing the Group's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Council is to be dissolved by an Act of Parliament or the Councillors intend to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

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

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

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

I am responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the Group audit. I remain solely responsible for my audit opinion.

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

From the matters communicated with the General Manager, I determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial report of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. I describe these matters in my auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, I determine that a matter should not be communicated in my report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

Stephen Morrison
Assistant Auditor-General Financial Audit Services
Delegate of the Auditor-General

Tasmanian Audit Office

23 December 2020
Hobart

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

	NOTE	Budget 2020 $'000	Actual 2020 $'000	Actual 2019 $'000
INCOME FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS				
RECURRENT INCOME				
RATES AND CHARGES	3	14,268	14,528	13,227
INTEREST	7	255	257	256
USER CHARGES	4	3,516	3,105	2,963
CHILDREN'S SERVICES	4	1,728	1,337	1,454
MEDICAL PRACTICES	4	1,738	1,331	1,313
INVESTMENT REVENUE FROM WATER CORPORATION	10	445	212	395
GRANTS	5	432	881	508
OTHER	8	292	3,463	627
		22,676	25,114	20,743
CAPITAL INCOME				
CAPITAL GRANTS	5	4,394	6,083	6,362
NET GAIN/(LOSS) ON DISPOSAL OF NON-CURRENT ASSETS	9	-	(955)	(486)
NON MONETARY ASSETS - RECOGNISED FOR THE FIRST TIME	6	-	642	1,959
NET ASSET REVALUATION INCREMENT/(DECREMENT)	19	-		31
		4,394	5,771	7,867
TOTAL INCOME FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS		**27,070**	**30,885**	**28,610**
EXPENSES FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS				
EMPLOYEE COSTS	11	(11,483)	(11,455)	(10,559)
MATERIALS AND CONTRACTS		(2,828)	(3,609)	(3,219)
DEPRECIATION AND AMORTISATION	12	(6,365)	(5,835)	(6,865)
OTHER EXPENSES	13	(5,316)	(4,661)	(4,680)
TOTAL EXPENSES FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS		**(25,993)**	**(25,560)**	**(25,324)**
OPERATING RESULT FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS		**1,077**	**5,325**	**3,286**
NET OPERATING RESULT FOR THE YEAR			**5,325**	**3,286**
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME				
ITEMS THAT WILL NOT BE RECLASSIFIED TO SURPLUS OR DEFICIT				
NET ASSET REVALUATION INCREMENT(DECREMENT)	19		26,903	1,502
ITEMS THAT MAY BE RECLASSIFIED SUBSEQUENTLY TO SURPLUS OR DEFICIT				
FAIR VALUE ADJUSTMENT OF WATER CORPORATION	14		(8,696)	4,802
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE RESULT			**23,532**	**9,591**

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

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 30 JUNE 2020

	NOTE	2020 $'000	2019 $'000
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	15	7,870	5,437
INVESTMENTS	15	7,465	8,815
TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES	16	1,074	874
INVENTORIES	17	13	169
OTHER ASSETS	18	51	50
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		**16,473**	**15,345**
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
PROPERTY, INFRASTRUCTURE, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	19	241,674	215,550
RIGHT OF USE ASSETS	19	155	
INVESTMENT IN WATER CORPORATION	14	28,861	37,557
CAPITAL WORKS IN PROGRESS	19	10,339	4,561
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		**281,028**	**257,668**
TOTAL ASSETS		**297,501**	**273,012**
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES	20	1,361	1,336
TRUST FUNDS AND DEPOSITS	22	100	100
PROVISIONS	23	2,080	1,957
CONTRACT LIABILITIES	25	1,068	
LEASE LIABILITIES	24	152	
BORROWINGS	21	275	268
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		**5,035**	**3,661**
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
PROVISIONS	23	188	122
BORROWINGS	21	867	1,142
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		**1,056**	**1,264**
TOTAL LIABILITIES		**6,091**	**4,925**
NET ASSETS		**291,410**	**268,088**
EQUITY			
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS		151,607	142,571
RESERVES	26	139,804	125,517
TOTAL EQUITY		**291,410**	**268,088**

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

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

	NOTE	2020 $'000	2019 $'000
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATIONS			
RATES		14,174	13,247
USER CHARGES (INCLUSIVE OF GST)		6,374	6,196
OTHER REVENUE (INCLUSIVE OF GST)		3,562	858
INTEREST RECEIVED		257	256
GRANTS (INCLUSIVE OF GST)		906	801
INVESTMENT REVENUE FROM WATER CORPORATION		212	395
NET GST REFUND		440	586
PAYMENTS TO EMPLOYEES		(11,155)	(10,347)
PAYMENTS TO SUPPLIERS (INCLUSIVE OF GST)		(4,473)	(4,225)
FINANCE COSTS PAID		(10)	
PAYMENT OTHER (INCLUSIVE OF GST)		(4,700)	(4,932)
NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	27a	**5,587**	**2,836**
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
PAYMENTS FOR PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT		(11,165)	(6,912)
PROCEEDS FROM SALE OF PLANT & MACHINERY		100	714
CASH RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR DEPOSITS			
PAYMENTS FOR INVESTMENTS		1,350	(8,814)
GRANTS		6,913	6,362
NET CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES		**(2,802)**	**(8,650)**
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
BORROWINGS		(268)	1,410
PAYMENT OF LEASE LIABILITIES		(85)	
NET CASH FROM IN FINANCING ACTIVITIES	27b	**(353)**	**1,410**
NET INCREASE / (DECREASE) IN CASH HELD		2,432	(4,404)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR		5,437	9,841
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR	28	**7,870**	**5,437**

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

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

	NOTE	TOTAL 2020 $'000	ACCUMULATED SURPLUS 2020 $'000	ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE 2020 $'000	FAIR VALUE RESERVE 2020 $'000	OTHER RESERVE 2020 $'000
BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR		268,088	142,571	112,602	1,064	11,851
ADJUSTMENT DUE TO AASB 15 and 1058 ADOPTION		(210)	(210)			
REVISED BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR		267,878	142,361	112,602	1,064	11,851
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		5,325	5,325			
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME:						
— FAIR VALUE ADJUSTMENTS FOR NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE		26,903		26,903		
— FAIR VALUE ADJUSTMENT ON EQUITY INSTRUMENT		(8,696)			(8,696)	
ACTUARIAL GAIN/LOSS ON DEFINED BENEFITS PLANS						
TRANSFERS BETWEEN RESERVES			3,920	26		(3,946)
BALANCE AT END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR		**291,410**	**151,607**	**139,531**	**(7,632)**	**7,905**

	NOTE	TOTAL 2019 $'000	ACCUMULATED SURPLUS 2019 $'000	ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE 2019 $'000	FAIR VALUE RESERVE 2019 $'000	OTHER RESERVE 2019 $'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		3,286	3,255	31		
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME:						
— FAIR VALUE ADJUSTMENTS FOR NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE		1,502		1,502		
— FINANCIAL ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR SALE RESERVE						
— FAIR VALUE ADJUSTMENT ON EQUITY INSTRUMENT		4,802			4,802	
ACTUARIAL GAIN/LOSS ON DEFINED BENEFITS PLANS						
TRANSFERS BETWEEN RESERVES			(3,869)			3,869
BALANCE AT END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR		**268,088**	**142,571**	**112,602**	**1,064**	**11,851**

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 2020

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, 23 and 35.

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 31.

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 23.

Defined benefit superannuation fund obligations

Actuarial assumptions are utilised in the determination of Council's defined benefit superannuation fund obligations. These assumptions are discussed in note 39.

Quarry Rehabilitation

Quarry Rehabilitation provision has been extended until June 2021 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 35.

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

In the current year, Council has adopted all of the new and revised Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board that are relevant to its operations and effective for the current annual reporting period. These include:

(i) AASB 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers and AASB 1058 Income of Not-for-Profit Entities

Council adopted AASB 15 and AASB 1058 using the modified retrospective method of transition, with the date of initial application of 1 July 2019. In accordance with the provisions of this transition approach, Council recognised the cumulative effect of applying these new standards as an adjustment to opening Accumulated surpluses at the date of initial application, i.e., 1 July 2019. Consequently, the comparative information presented has not been restated and continues to be reported under the previous standards on revenue and income. In addition, Council has applied the practical expedients and elected to apply these standards retrospectively only to contracts and transactions that were not completed contracts at the date of initial application, i.e., as at 1 July 2019.

As Council has applied the modified retrospective approach, it has applied the practical expedient described in AASB 15.C5(c) for all contract modifications that occurred before application date. In doing so Council did not retrospectively restate the contract for those modifications in accordance with AASB 15.20-21. Instead, Council reflected the aggregate effect of all of the modifications that occur before the beginning of the earliest period presented when:

- Identifying the satisfied and unsatisfied performance obligations
- Determining the transaction price
- Allocating the transaction price to the satisfied and unsatisfied performance obligation.

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.

AASB 1058 supersedes all the income recognition requirements relating to council, 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.

Council has elected to measure a class of right-of-use assets arising under 'peppercorn (Concessionary) leases' at initial recognition at cost, in accordance with AASB 16.23-25, which incorporates the amount of initial measurement of the lease liability.

AASB 1058 also encompasses non-contractual statutory income such as rates, taxes and fines. Council previously recognised 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, has now been recognised as a financial liability until the commencement of that rating period. The impact to Council has been that revenue previously recognised when received from Rates and charges in advance as disclosed in note 3, is now recorded as a liability, with revenue deferred until the commencement of the applicable rating period.

For further details on individual revenue streams refer to their accompanying policy note.

The tables below highlight the impact of adopting AASB 15 and AASB 1058 on the Statement of Comprehensive income and Statement of Financial Position. There was no material impact on Council's Statement of Cash Flows.

As at 01 July 2019:

Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss Extract	Note	Amounts under AASB 15 & 1058 $'000	Adjustment $'000	Amounts under AASB 118 & 1004 $'000
Current Liabilities				
Contract liability		210	210	-
Equity				
Accumulated surplus		267,878	(210)	268,088

As at 30 June 2020:

Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss Extract	Note	Amounts under AASB 15 & 1058 $'000	Adjustment $'000	Amounts under AASB 118 & 1004 $'000
Recurrent Income				
Rates and charges		(14,528)	313	(14,841)
Capital grants		(6,083)	730	(6,813)
Recurrent grants		(881)	25	(906)
		(21,492)	**1,068**	**(22,560)**
Current Liabilities				
Contract liability		(1,068)	(1,068)	-
Equity				
Accumulated surplus		(291,410)	-	(291,410)

Prepaid rates received prior to the beginning of a rating period, are now held as a financial liability until the commencement of statutory rating period at which point Council recognises rate income.

For grant funding where specific performance obligations are yet to be completed to acquire, construct or upgrade a recognisable non-financial asset, Council recognises a liability until obligations are fulfilled.

Contracts with customers where specific performance obligations are yet to be completed, Council recognises a liability until obligations are fulfilled.

Adoption of new and amended accounting standards (continued)

(ii) AASB 16 Leases

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.

Council has applied this standard from 1 July 2019 using a retrospective approach (partial) 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.

The calculation of the lease liability has taken into account appropriate discount rates, assumptions about the lease term, and increases in lease payments. A corresponding right to use assets has been recognised, which has been amortised over the term of the lease. Rent expense is no longer shown. The profit and loss impact of the leases has been through amortisation and interest charges. Council's current operating lease expenditure is shown at Note 13. In the Statement of Cash Flows lease payments has been shown as cash flows from financing activities instead of operating activities.

a) Impact of the new definition of a lease

Council has made use of the practical expedient available on transition to AASB 16 not to reassess whether a contract is or contains a lease. Instead contracts containing a lease under AASB 17 or Interpretation 4 at transition will continue to be applied to those contracts entered or modified before 1 January 2019.

The change in definition of a lease mainly relates to the concept of control. AASB 16 determines whether a contract contains a lease on the basis of whether the customer has the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration. This is in contrast to the focus on 'risks and rewards' in AASB 117 and Interpretation 4.

b) Impact of lessee accounting

i) Former operating leases

AASB 16 changes how Council accounts for leases previously classified as operating leases under AASB 17, which were off balance sheet.

Applying AASB 16, for all leases, Council:

- Recognises right-of-use of assets and lease liabilities in the statement of financial position, initially measured at the present value of the future lease payments;
- Recognises depreciation of right-of-use assets and interest on lease liabilities in profit or loss;
- Separates the total amount of cash paid into a principal portion (presented within financing activities) and interest (presented within financing activities) in the Statement of cash flows.

Lease incentives (e.g. rent-free period) are recognised as part of the measurement of the right-of-use assets and lease liabilities whereas under AASB 117 they resulted into the recognition of a lease incentive, amortised as a reduction of rental expenses generally on a straight-line basis.

Under AASB 16, right-of-use assets are tested for impairment in accordance with AASB 136.

For short-term leases (lease term of 12 months or less) and leases of low-value assets (such as tablet and personal computers, small items of office furniture and telephones), Council has opted to recognised a lease expense on a straight-line basis as permitted by AASB 16. This expenses is presented within 'other expenses' in profit or loss.

ii) Former finance leases

AASB 16 requires that Council recognises as part of its lease liability only the amount expected to be payable under a residual value guarantee, rather than the maximum amount guaranteed as required by AASB 117. This change did not have a material effect on the Council's financial statements

iii) Lessor accounting

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. However, AASB 16 has changed and expanded the disclosures required, in particular with regard to how a lessor manages the risks arising from its residual interest in leased assets.

Under AASB 16, an intermediate lessor accounts for the head lease and sub-lease as two-separate contracts. The intermediate lessor is required to classify the sub-lease as a finance or operating lease by reference to the right-of-use asset arising from the head lease (and not by reference to the underlying asset as was the case under AASB 117).

Transition

On transition to AASB 16, Council recognised additional right-of-use assets and additional lease liabilities, recognising the difference in Accumulated surpluses. The impact on transition is summarised below.

1 July 2019	**Note**	**$'000**
Right-of-use assets		237
Lease liabilities		(237)
Accumulated surpluses		-

Reconciliation of operating lease commitments under AASB 117 and lease liabilities under AASB 16

As a lessee, the weighted average incremental borrowing rate applied to lease liabilities recognised in the statement of financial position on the date of initial application was 2.88%. The difference between the operating lease commitments disclosed previously by applying AASB 117 and the value of the lease liabilities recognised under AASB 16 on 1 July 2019 as disclosed in note 24 is explained as follows:

Operating lease commitments as at 30 June 2019	272
Discounted lease commitments	256
Finance lease liabilities recognised as at 30 June 2019	
- Recognition exemption for leases of low-value assets	(19)
- Recognition exemption for leases with less than 12 months of lease term at transition	
- Extension options reasonably certain to be exercised	
Lease liability recognised as at 1 July 2019	**237**

(i) Pending Accounting Standards

Certain new accounting standards and interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for 30 June 2020 reporting periods. Council's assessment of the impact of the relevant new standards and interpretations is set out below.

(i) 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 AASB 10, and those in AASB 128 (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 37.

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

(k) Correction of Prior Period Error

During the financial year it was discovered a material invoice was incorrectly issued. This error resulted in Trade and Other Receivables and Other Income being overstated for the 2018/19 financial year.

(i) During the financial year it was discovered depreciation for Building Contents was incorrectly calculated. This error result in Depreciation being understated and Property, Infrastructure, Plant & Equipment being overstated for the 2018/19 financial year.

As the errors relate to a prior period, the 2018/19 actual comparatives have been restated as follows:

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (EXTRACT)

Financial Statement Line Item Affected	2018/2019	Error Correction Adjustment	2018/2019 Restated
	$'000	$'000	$'000
Other Income	794	(167)	627
Depreciation and Amortisation	(6,787)	(78)	(6,865)
Total Income from Continuing Operations	28,777	(167)	28,610
Total Expenses from Continuing Operations	(25,245)	(78)	(25,324)
Operating Result from Continuing Operations	3,532	(245)	3,286
Net Operating Result for the Year	3,532	(245)	3,286
Total Comprehensive Result	9,836	(245)	9,591

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (EXTRACT)

Financial Statement Line Item Affected	2018/2019	Error Correction Adjustment	2018/2019 Restated
	$'000	$'000	$'000
Trade and Other Receivables	1,042	(167)	874
Total Current Assets	15,512	(167)	15,345
Property, Infrastructure, Plant & Equipment	215,628	(78)	215,550
Total Non-Current Assets	257,746	(78)	257,668
Total Assets	273,258	(245)	273,012
Net Assets	268,333	(245)	268,088
Accumulated Surplus	142,816	(245)	142,571
Total Equity	268,333	(245)	268,088

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY (EXTRACT)

Financial Statement Line Item Affected	2018/2019	Error Correction Adjustment	2018/2019 Restated
	$'000	$'000	$'000
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	3,532	(245)	3,286
Balance at the end of the Financial Year	268,333	(245)	268,088

NOTE 2 FUNCTIONS/ACTIVITIES OF THE COUNCIL (EXTRACT)

Financial Statement Line Item Affected	2018/2019	Error Correction Adjustment	2018/2019 Restated
	$'000	$'000	$'000
Total Revenue	28,777	(167)	28,610
Total Expenditure	25,245	78	25,324
Surplus/(Deficit)	3,532	(245)	3,286
Assets	273,258	(245)	273,012

NOTE 8 OTHER INCOME (EXTRACT)

Financial Statement Line Item Affected	2018/2019	Error Correction Adjustment	2018/2019 Restated
	$'000	$'000	$'000
Miscellaneous Income	612	(167)	445
Total Other Income	794	(167)	627

NOTE 12 DEPRECIATION AND AMORTISATION (EXTRACT)

Financial Statement Line Item Affected	2018/2019	Error Correction Adjustment	2018/2019 Restated
	$'000	$'000	$'000
Building Contents	42	78	120
Total Depreciation and Amortisation	6,787	78	6,865

NOTE 16 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES (EXTRACT)

Financial Statement Line Item Affected	2018/2019	Error Correction Adjustment	2018/2019 Restated
	$'000	$'000	$'000
Other Debtors	721	(167)	554
Total Trade and Other Receivables	1,042	(167)	874

NOTE 19a PROPERTY, INFRASTRUCTURE, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (EXTRACT)

Financial Statement Line Item Affected	2018/2019	Error Correction Adjustment	2018/2019 Restated
	$'000	$'000	$'000
Building Contents - Accumulated Depreciation	(1,051)	(78)	(1,129)
Building Contents - Total	852	(78)	773
Total	215,628	(78)	215,550

NOTE 19b PROPERTY, INFRASTRUCTURE, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (EXTRACT)

Financial Statement Line Item Affected	2018/2019	Error Correction Adjustment	2018/2019 Restated
	$'000	$'000	$'000
Building Contents - Balance at end of Financial Year	852	(78)	773
Total	215,628	(78)	215,550

NOTE 30 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (EXTRACT)

Financial Statement Line Item Affected	2018/2019	Error Correction Adjustment	2018/2019 Restated
	$'000	$'000	$'000
(a) Interest Rate Risk			
Receivables	1,042	(167)	874
Total financial assets	52,851	(167)	52,683
(b) Net Fair Values			
Receivables	1,042	(167)	874
Total financial assets	52,851	(167)	52,683
Ageing of Receivables			
Total Trade & Other Receivables	1,042	(167)	874

NOTE 34 MANAGEMENT INDICATORS (EXTRACT)

Financial Statement Line Item Affected	2018/2019	Error Correction Adjustment	2018/2019 Restated
	$'000	$'000	$'000
(a) Underlying surplus or deficit			
Recurrent income* less	24,078	(167)	23,911
Recurrent expenditure	24,447	78	24,525
Underlying surplus/deficit	(369)	(245)	(614)
(b) Underlying surplus ratio			
Underlying surplus or deficit	(369)	(245)	(614)
Recurrent income*	24,078	(167)	23,911
Underlying surplus ratio %	-1.53%	-1.04%	-2.57%
(c) Net financial assets/(liabilities)			
Liquid assets less	15,412	(167)	15,245
Total liabilities	4,925		4,925
Net financial liabilities	10,487	(167)	10,320
(d) Net financial assets/(liabilities) ratio			
Net financial liabilities	10,487	(167)	10,320
Recurrent income*	24,078	(167)	23,911
Net financial liabilities ratio %	43.56%	-0.39%	43.16%

NOTE 35 FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (EXTRACT)

Financial Statement Line Item Affected	2018/2019	Error Correction Adjustment	2018/2019 Restated
	$'000	$'000	$'000
Level 3			
Buildings, including contents & intangibles	32,800	(78)	32,722

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

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						
2019 - 2020	665	12,653	13,318	4,425	8,893	
2018 - 2019		12,698	12,698	4,325	8,451	12,200
LEGAL & GOVERNANCE-GENERAL						
2019 - 2020	15	2,826	2,841	2,079	762	
2018 - 2019	80	576	656	2,145	(1,489)	
ENVIRONMENT & DEVELOPMENT-GENERAL						
2019 - 2020	5	1,163	1,168	2,210	(1,042)	
2018 - 2019		994	994	2,117	(1,124)	
REFUSE DISPOSAL						
2019 - 2020		2,022	2,022	2,070	(48)	
2018 - 2019		1,874	1,874	1,870	5	1,852
COMMUNITY SERVICES:						
CHILDREN'S & YOUTH SERVICES						
2019 - 2020	194	2,269	2,464	3,619	(1,155)	
2018 - 2019	204	2,428	2,633	3,387	(754)	
RURAL HEALTH						
2019 - 2020	168	28	195	549	(354)	
2018 - 2019	120	7	128	699	(571)	
MEDICAL SERVICES						
2019 - 2020	225	1,431	1,656	1,702	(47)	
2018 - 2019	187	1,406	1,593	1,700	(107)	
INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES						
ROADS & BRIDGES						
2019 - 2020	1,152	650	1,802	4,822	(3,020)	
2018 - 2019		125	125	5,095	(4,970)	193,284
STORMWATER						
2019 - 2020		597	597	559	38	
2018 - 2019		523	523	306	217	2,010
INFRASTRUCTURE GENERAL						
2019 - 2020		26	26	598	(572)	
2018 - 2019		71	71	668	(597)	
OTHER - NON ATTRIBUTABLE						
2019 - 2020	4,542	256	4,797	2,926	1,871	
2018 - 2019	6,278	1,205	7,316	3,011	4,471	63,912
TOTAL						
2019 - 2020	**6,964**	**23,921**	**30,885**	**25,560**	**5,325**	**297,501**
2018 - 2019	**6,870**	**21,907**	**28,610**	**25,324**	**3,286**	**273,012**

NOTE 2 FUNCTIONS/ACTIVITIES OF THE COUNCIL

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

	2019/2020	2018/2019
	$'000	$'000
Current assets	16,473	15,345
Non-current assets	281,028	257,668
	297,501	**273,012**

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.

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.

	2019/2020	2018/2019
	$'000	$'000
General Rate	12,285	11,123
Tas Fire Service levy	613	570
Garbage charge	1,283	1,202
Special rates and charges	347	332
TOTAL RATES AND CHARGES	**14,528**	**13,227**

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 under AASB 15 and AASB 1058 - applicable from 1 July 2019

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

Refer to note 1 for accounting policy related to AASB 15 and AASB 1058.

Accounting policy under AASB 118 and AASB 1004 - applicable for 2019 comparative

Rates and charges income

Rate income is recognised as revenue when Council obtains control over the assets comprising the receipt.

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

	2019/2020	2018/2019
	$'000	$'000
Leisure centre fees	189	223
Child care/children's program fees	1,337	1,454
Medical services fees	1,331	1,313
Building services fees	588	438
Visitor Information Centres	420	529
Planning	366	342
Waste Management	679	619
Retirement Villages	125	122
Other fees and charges	739	689
TOTAL USER CHARGES	**5,773**	**5,730**

Accounting policy under AASB 15 and AASB 1058 - applicable from 1 July 2019

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

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

Refer to note 1 for accounting policy related to AASB 15 and AASB 1058.

Accounting policy under AASB 118 and AASB 1004 - applicable for 2019 comparative

Statutory fee and fine income

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.

User fee income

Fee income is recognised as revenue when the service has been provided, or the payment is received, whichever first occurs.

NOTE 5 GRANTS

SUMMARY OF GRANTS	2019/2020 $'000	2018/2019 $'000
Federally funded grants	5,425	4,446
State funded grants	1,497	2,453
Other	43	(29)
TOTAL	**6,964**	**6,870**

GRANTS - OPERATING		
Family and children	538	508
Other	343	
TOTAL OPERATING GRANTS	**881**	**508**

In both years the Commonwealth has made early payment of the first two quarterly instalments for the following year. The early receipt of instalments resulted in Commonwealth Government Financial Assistance Grants being above that originally budgeted in 2019-20. This has impacted the Statement of Comprehensive Income resulting in the Surplus/(deficit) being higher by the same amount.

CAPITAL GRANTS RECEIVED SPECIFICALLY FOR NEW OR UPGRADED ASSETS	2019/2020 $'000	2018/2019 $'000
Commonwealth Government Financial Assistance Grants - General Purpose	3,744	3,654
Commonwealth Government - Roads to Recovery	665	
Community	411	4
Transport	340	1,880
Other	923	824
TOTAL CAPITAL GRANTS	**6,083**	**6,362**

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	81	90
Other	42	2,695
TOTAL	**123**	**2,786**

Accounting policy under AASB 15 and AASB 1058 - applicable from 1 July 2019

Council recognises untied grant revenue and those without performance obligations when received. In cases where funding includes specific performance obligations or is to acquire or construct a recognisable non-financial asset, a liability is recognised for funds received in advance and recognises income as obligations are fulfilled.

The performance obligations are varied based on the agreement, but include performance obligations within AASB 15 grants e.g. Network meetings provided, workshops undertaken, and school activities completed.

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

Refer to note 1 for accounting policy related to AASB 15 and AASB 1058.

Accounting policy under AASB 1004 - applicable for 2019 comparative

The Australian Commonwealth Government provides untied Financial Assistance Grants to Council for general purpose use and the provision of local roads. Previously, in accordance with AASB 1004: Contributions, Council recognised these grants as revenue when it received the funds and obtained control.

Grant income - recurrent and capital

Grant income is recognised as revenue when Council obtains control over the assets comprising the receipt. 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.

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.

Unreceived contributions over which Council has control are recognised as receivables.

NOTE 6 NON-MONETARY ASSETS RECOGNISED FOR THE FIRST TIME

	2019/2020	2018/2019
	$'000	$'000
Roads, Footpath, Kerb and Land	389	1,709
Stormwater	253	
Other		250
TOTAL NON-MONETARY ASSETS RECOGNISED FOR THE FIRST TIME	**642**	**1,959**

NOTE 7 INTEREST

	2019/2020	2018/2019
	$'000	$'000
Interest on financial assets	257	256
TOTAL INTEREST	**257**	**256**

Accounting Policy

Interest is recognised progressively as it is earned.

NOTE 8 OTHER INCOME

	2019/2020	2018/2019
	$'000	$'000
Public Open Space	68	45
Visitor Information Centre	34	39
Private Works	26	41
Geeveston Town Hall	24	57
Emergency Management	290	
Recovered Legal and Collection Costs	2,371	
Miscellaneous Income	650	445
Volunteer Services		
TOTAL OTHER INCOME	**3,463**	**627**

Accounting policy under AASB 15 - applicable from 1 July 2019

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

Refer to note 1 for accounting policy related to AASB 15 and AASB 1058.

Rental income

Rents are recognised as revenue when the payment is due. Rental payments received in advance are recognised as a payable until they are due.

Volunteer services

Council recognises the inflow of resources in the form of volunteer services where the fair value of those services can be reliably measured and Council would have purchased those services if they had not been donated. Council's valuation of volunteer services at zero is based on the assessment that such services would not be provided should they not be donated.

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.

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Accounting policy under AASB 1004 - applicable for 2019 comparative

Contributions are recognised as revenue when Council obtains control over the assets comprising the receipt.

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.

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

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

	2019/2020 $'000	2018/2019 $'000
Proceeds from sales and trade in of plant and vehicles	99	180
Less: Written down Value	(92)	(90)
Net gain/(loss) on plant and vehicles	7	90
Proceeds from sales of Land		535
Less: Carrying Value	1	(555)
Net gain/(loss) on land	1	(20)
Asset write-offs		
Bridges		(216)
Roads, Footpath, and Kerb	(74)	(375)
CWIP	(777)	
Other assets	(112)	35
	(955)	**(486)**

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

	2019/2020 $'000	2018/2019 $'000
Dividend revenue received	212	222
Tax equivalent received		144
Guarantee fee received		28
TOTAL INVESTMENT REVENUE FROM WATER CORPORATION	**212**	**395**

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

	2019/2020 $'000	2018/2019 $'000
Wages and salaries	11,414	10,974
Workers' compensation	79	62
Annual leave and long service leave	1,103	981
Less capitalised expenses	(1,140)	(1,457)
TOTAL EMPLOYEE COSTS	**11,455**	**10,559**

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

	2019/2020	2018/2019
	$'000	$'000
Buildings	654	704
Building contents	142	120
Intangibles	30	36
Plant and machinery	716	696
Stormwater	219	227
Roads	2,985	3,867
Bridges	355	356
Footpaths	82	86
Kerb	100	164
Car Parks	117	254
Street Furniture	138	144
Walking Tracks	38	38
Marine Facilities	35	34
Playgrounds	91	91
Sporting Facilities	52	51
Right of Use Assets	82	
TOTAL DEPRECIATION AND AMORTISATION	**5,835**	**6,865**

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 Council in a manner which reflects consumption of the service potential embodied in those assets. Right-of-use assets are amortised over the lease term. Estimates of remaining useful lives and residual values are made on a regular basis with major asset classes reassessed annually. Depreciation and amortisation 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.

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

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
Right of Use Assets	1-5

NOTE 13 OTHER EXPENSES

	2019/2020	2018/2019
	$'000	$'000
Tasmanian Fire Service Levy	603	567
Payroll Tax	728	639
Land Tax	99	101
Liability & Property Insurance	277	251
Legal Fees	48	36
Advertising & Marketing	156	105
Bank Charges	65	61
Subscriptions	100	116
Postage	41	42
Interest Expenses	41	
Councillor Allowances & Expenses	210	222
Auditors remuneration	20	38
Election Costs		99
Board Of Enquiry		112
Geeveston Town Hall	19	106
Waste Management	1,208	1,064
Lease Payments	85	
Low-value leases (2020 only)	19	
Volunteer services		
Other	943	1,123
TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES	**4,661**	**4,680**

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

	2019/2020	2018/2019
	$'000	$'000
Carrying Value	37,557	32,755
Change in fair value of investment	(8,696)	4,802
TOTAL INVESTMENT IN WATER CORPORATION	**28,861**	**37,557**

Accounting policy

As Council's investment in TasWater is held for long-term strategic purposes, Council has elected under AASB 9: Financial Instruments to irrevocably classify this equity investment as designated at fair value through other comprehensive income. Subsequent changes in fair value on designated investments in equity instruments are recognised in other comprehensive income (for fair value reserve, refer note 26) 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 2020, Council holds 2.00% ownership interest in TasWater which is based on Schedule 2 of the Corporation's Constitution.

NOTE 15 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2019/2020	2018/2019
	$'000	$'000
Cash at bank and on hand	1,639	1,344
Management Committees (Note 31)	235	231
Geeveston Town Hall Company	9	4
Term deposits (maturity <3 months)	5,986	3,858
Investments - Term deposits (maturity >3 months)	7,465	8,815
TOTAL CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	**15,335**	**14,252**

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

	2019/2020	2018/2019
	$'000	$'000
Rate Debtors	723	332
Other Debtors	363	554
Provision for expected credit loss	(12)	(12)
TOTAL TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES	**1,074**	**874**

Reconciliation of movement in expected credit loss	
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	**(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. 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

	2019/2020	2018/2019
	$'000	$'000
Inventories held for distribution	10	36
Inventories held for sale	4	133
TOTAL INVENTORIES	**13**	**169**

Accounting Policy

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

NOTE 18 OTHER ASSETS

	2019/2020	2018/2019
	$'000	$'000
Prepayments	36	35
Deposits	15	15
TOTAL OTHER ASSETS	**51**	**50**

NOTE 19a PROPERTY, INFRASTRUCTURE, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	2019/2020 $'000	2018/2019 $'000
SUMMARY		
at cost at 30 June	6,817	6,711
Less accumulated depreciation	(4,279)	(3,625)
	2,538	**3,086**
at fair value at 30 June	387,905	346,998
Less accumulated depreciation	(148,769)	(134,535)
	239,136	**212,464**
TOTAL	**241,674**	**215,550**
Land		
at Fair Value	16,533	16,469
	16,533	**16,469**
Land Under Roads		
at Fair Value	22,100	22,952
	22,100	**22,952**
Buildings		
at Fair Value	65,205	58,898
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(27,671)	(26,990)
	37,534	**31,907**
Building Contents		
at Fair Value	2,095	1,903
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(1,271)	(1,129)
	824	**773**
Intangibles		
at Fair Value	321	321
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(310)	(280)
	11	**41**
Plant and Machinery		
at Cost	6,817	6,711
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(4,279)	(3,625)
	2,538	**3,086**
Stormwater		
at Fair Value	17,244	16,481
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(5,436)	(5,106)
	11,808	**11,375**
Roads		
at Fair Value	198,075	168,565
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(93,204)	(82,321)
	104,871	**86,244**
Bridges		
at Fair Value	35,856	31,927
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(11,210)	(9,781)
	24,646	**22,145**

NOTE 19a PROPERTY, INFRASTRUCTURE, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	2019/2020 $'000	2018/2019 $'000
Footpath		
at Fair Value	6,705	6,443
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(1,293)	(1,183)
	5,412	**5,260**
Kerb		
at Fair Value	8,204	7,873
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(1,963)	(1,821)
	6,241	**6,052**
Car Parks		
at Fair Value	3,046	2,967
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(1,273)	(1,129)
	1,774	**1,839**
Street Furniture		
at Fair Value	2,612	2,475
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(1,577)	(1,414)
	1,035	**1,060**
Walking Tracks		
at Fair Value	914	894
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(393)	(346)
	521	**548**
Marine Facilities		
at Fair Value	1,650	1,615
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(423)	(379)
	1,228	**1,237**
Playgrounds		
at Fair Value	2,664	2,614
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(708)	(668)
	1,956	**1,946**
Sporting Facilities		
at Fair Value	3,756	3,676
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(2,039)	(1,987)
	1,717	**1,689**
Parks		
at Fair Value	924	924
Less: Accumulated Depreciation		
	924	**924**
PROPERTY, INFRASTRUCTURE, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	**241,674**	**215,550**

Valuation of assets is covered in note 35.

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.

	2019/2020 $'000	2018/2019 $'000
Capital Works in Progress		
Works in Progress	4,561	7,706
Current year WIP	11,928	6,433
Capitalised	(4,608)	(9,578)
Expensed	(1,542)	-
	10,339	**4,561**

NOTE 19a PROPERTY, INFRASTRUCTURE, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Right-of-Use Assets

	Total $'000
Gross carrying amount	
Balance at 1 July 2019	
Adoption of AASB 16	237
Additions	
Disposals	
Balance at 30 June 2020	**237**
Accumulated amortisation and impairment	
Balance at 1 July 2019	
Adoption of AASB 16	
Disposals	
Amortisation expense	(82)
Balance at 30 June 2020	**(82)**
Net book value at 30 June 2020	**155**

	2019/2020 $'000	2018/2019 $'000
TOTAL PROPERTY, INFRASTRUCTURE, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	**252,167**	**220,111**

Accounting policy under AASB 16 - Applicable from 1 July 2019

Leases - Council as Lessee

In contracts where Council is a lessee, Council recognises a right-of-use asset and a lease liability at the commencement date of the lease, unless the short-term or low-value exemption is applied. Refer to note 24 for details on accounting policy of lease liability

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

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

Refer to note 1 for accounting policy related to AASB 15 and AASB 1058.

NOTE 19b PROPERTY, INFRASTRUCTURE, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Reconciliation of property, Infrastructure, plant and equipment

2020	Opening Value $'000	Additions $'000	Disposals $'000	Infrastructure Take Up $'000	Asset Revaluation $'000	Depreciation $'000	Balance at End of Financial Year $'000
Land	16,469	64					16,533
Land Under Roads	22,952				(853)		22,100
Buildings	31,907	991	(94)		5,383	(654)	37,534
Building contents	773	193				(142)	824
Intangibles	41					(30)	11
Plant and Machinery	3,086	259	(92)			(716)	2,538
Stormwater	11,375	151	(4)	253	252	(219)	11,808
Roads	86,244	2,563	(74)	264	18,859	(2,985)	104,871
Bridges	22,145	16			2,840	(355)	24,646
Footpaths	5,260	50		69	115	(82)	5,412
Kerbs	6,052	99		57	133	(100)	6,241
Car Parks	1,839	22			31	(117)	1,774
Street furniture	1,060	93	(2)		22	(138)	1,035
Walking tracks	548				11	(38)	521
Marine facilities	1,237				26	(35)	1,228
Playgrounds	1,946	108	(12)		4	(91)	1,956
Sporting Facilities	1,689				80	(52)	1,717
Parks & Gardens	924						924
Total	**215,550**	**4,609**	**(278)**	**642**	**26,903**	**(5,752)**	**241,674**

2019	Opening Value $'000	Additions $'000	Disposals $'000	Infrastructure Take Up $'000	Asset Revaluation $'000	Depreciation $'000	Balance at End of Financial Year $'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				(120)	773
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**	**(6,865)**	**215,550**

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

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

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

	Threshold
Land/Land Under Roads	$1
Buildings	$5,000
Building Contents	$1,000
Intangibles	$1,000
Plant & Machinery	$1,000
Infrastructure/Other 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 35.

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.

NOTE 20 TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	2019/2020	2018/2019
	$'000	$'000
Trade payables	1,242	918
Accrued Expenses	118	418
	1,361	1,336

Accounting Policy

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 7 days of invoice receipt.

NOTE 21 BORROWINGS

	2019/2020	2018/2019
	$'000	$'000
Current borrowings	275	268
Non-current borrowings	867	1,142
	1,142	1,410

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 22 TRUST FUNDS AND DEPOSITS

	2019/2020	2018/2019
	$'000	$'000
Waste Management Bond	100	100
	100	100

Accounting Policy

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

NOTE 23 PROVISIONS

CURRENT	2019/2020 $'000	2018/2019 $'000
Long Service Leave Provision	959	866
Annual Leave & Leave Loading Provision	1,049	1,019
Retirement Village - Entrance Fees	22	22
Quarry Rehabilitation	50	50
	2,080	**1,957**

NON CURRENT		
Long Service Leave Provision	188	122
	188	**122**

Summary of Provision movements

2020	Annual leave $ '000	Long service leave $ '000	Other $ '000	Total $ '000
Balance at beginning of the financial year	1,019	988	72	2,078
Additional provisions	954	338		1,292
Amounts used	(924)	(179)		(1,103)
Balance at the end of the financial year	**1,049**	**1,147**	**72**	**2,268**
Current	1,049	959	72	2,080
Non-Current		188		188
Total	**1,049**	**1,147**	**72**	**2,268**
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**
Current	1,019	866	72	1,957
Non-Current		122		122
Total	**1,019**	**988**	**72**	**2,078**

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.

NOTE 24 LEASE LIABILITIES

	2019/2020
	$'000
Lease Liabilities	152
	152

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

As at 30 June 2020	Within 1 Year	1-2 Years	2-3 Years	3-4 Years	4-5 Years	After 5 Years	Total
	$ '000	$ '000	$ '000	$ '000	$ '000	$ '000	$ '000
Lease Payments	62	42	42	17			163
Finance Charges	(5)	(3)	(2)	(1)			(10)
Net Present Value	58	38	40	17			152

Accounting policy under AASB 16 - Applicable from 1 July 2019

Leases - Council as Lessee

The lease liability is measured at the present value of outstanding payments that are not paid at balance date, discounted by using the rate implicit in the lease/incremental borrowing rate.

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

Short-term leases and leases of low-value assets

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

NOTE 25 CONTRACT LIABILITIES

	2019/2020
	$'000
Current	
Rates and charges in advance	313
Grants received in advance	755
	1,068
Non-Current	
Grants received in advance	
Total	1,068

Accounting policy under AASB 15 and AASB 1058 - applicable from 1 July 2019

Council recognised the following contact liabilities with customers:

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

ii) Grants received in advance includes funding for the construction of a new health facility for the provision of community health and family and children services. The funds received are under an enforceable contract which require Council to construct an identified asset which will be under Council's control on completion. The revenue is recognised as Council constructs the asset and the contract liability reflects the funding received which cannot yet be recognised as revenue.

iii) Upfront payments of funding are recognised as a contract liability until performance obligations in accordance with AASB 15 are satisfied and recognition criteria are met.

Refer to note 1 for accounting policy related to AASB 15 and AASB 1058.

NOTE 26 RESERVES

A) ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE

2020	Balance at beginning of reporting year $'000	Increments $'000	Decrements $'000	Balance at end of reporting year $'000
Land	12,051		(853)	11,198
Buildings & Building Contents	12,371	5,383		17,754
Stormwater	3,022	252		3,274
Roads	49,508	18,859		68,366
Water & Sewerage	11,143			11,143
Bridges	22,205	2,840		25,045
Footpaths	712	115		827
Kerbs	878	133		1,010
Car Parks	255	31		286
Street furniture	2	22		24
Walking tracks	20	11		31
Marine facilities	195	26		221
Playgrounds	41	4		45
Sporting Facilities	226	80		306
Plant & Equipment	(26)		26	
Total	**112,602**	**27,756**	**(827)**	**139,531**

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**

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

2020	Balance at beginning of reporting year $'000	Increments $'000	Decrements $'000	Balance at end of reporting year $'000
Equity investment assets				
Investment in water corporation	1,064		(8,696)	(7,632)
Total fair value reserve	**1,064**		**(8,696)**	**(7,632)**

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

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

2020	Balance at beginning of reporting year $'000	Increments $'000	Decrements $'000	Balance at end of reporting year $'000
Other reserves	11,851		(3,946)	7,905
Total other reserve	**11,851**		**(3,946)**	**7,905**

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

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
2020	125,517	27,756	(13,469)	139,804
2019	115,312	10,230	(25)	125,517

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NOTE 27a RECONCILIATION OF CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES TO SURPLUS

	2019/2020 $'000	2018/2019 $'000
Result from continuing operations	5,893	3,531
Depreciation	5,753	6,787
Amortisation of right-of-use assets	82	
Loss/(Profit) on sale of assets	178	486
Loss/(Gain) on revaluation		(31)
Capital Grants	(6,913)	(6,362)
Cash Receipts and Payments for Deposits		
Contributions - non monetary assets	(642)	(1,959)
Changes in assets and liabilities		
(Increase)/Decrease in receivables	(200)	220
(Increase)/Decrease in inventories	156	28
(Increase)/Decrease in other assets	(1)	38
Increase/(Decrease) in payables	25	(113)
Increase/(Decrease) in provisions	189	210
Increase/(Decrease) in other liabilities	1,068	
	(305)	(695)
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	5,587	2,836

NOTE 27b 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.

	2019/2020 $'000	2018/2019 $'000
Balance as at 01 July	1,410	
Changes from financing cash flows:		
Cash received		1,410
Cash repayments	(353)	
Balance as at 30 June	1,057	1,410
NET CASH PROVIDED BY FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(353)	1,410

NOTE 28 RECONCILIATION OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2019/2020 $'000	2018/2019 $'000
Cash at bank and on hand at end of reporting period	1,639	1,344
Management Committees	235	231
Geeveston Town Hall Company	9	4
Term deposits (maturity <3 months)	5,986	3,858
TOTAL RECONCILATION OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	7,870	5,437

NOTE 29 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.

	Expiry Date	2019/2020 $'000	2018/2019 $'000
Facility Cleaning (public toilets)	30/06/2022	261	392
Facility Cleaning (internal)	1/07/2021	53	105
Kerbside Collection	5/10/2021	478	957
Construction of Building		271	

NOTE 30 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

(a) Interest Rate Risk

The exposure to interest rate risk and the effective interest rates of financial assets and non-lease financial liabilities, both recognised and unrecognised, at balance date are as follows. For lease liabilities refer to note 24.

2020			Fixed interest maturing in:				
	Weighted average interest rate	Floating interest rate	1 year or less	Over 1 to 5 years	More than 5 years	Non-interest bearing	Total
		$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000
Financial assets							
Cash and cash equivalents	1.18%	1,639	5,986			244	7,870
Investment in Water Corporation						28,861	28,861
Receivables	6.60%	723				352	1,074
Total financial assets		2,362	5,986			29,458	37,805
Financial liabilities							
Payables						1,361	1,361
Trust fund and deposits						100	100
Interest bearing leases				152			
Interest bearing borrowings				1,142			1,142
Total financial liabilities				1,294		1,461	2,603
Net financial assets (liabilities)		2,362	5,986	(1,294)		27,997	35,202

2019			Fixed interest maturing in:				
	Weighted average interest rate	Floating interest rate	1 year or less	Over 1 to 5 years	More than 5 years	Non-interest bearing	Total
		$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'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				542	874
Total financial assets		1,676	12,673			38,502	52,683
Financial liabilities							
Payables						1,336	1,336
Trust fund and deposits						100	100
Interest bearing borrowings/leases				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

(b) 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	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000
Financial assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	7,870	14,252	7,870	14,252
Investment in Water Corporation	28,861	37,557	28,861	37,557
Trade and other receivables	1,074	874	1,074	874
Total financial assets	37,805	52,683	37,805	52,683
Financial liabilities				
Trade and other payables	1,361	1,336	1,361	1,336
Trust fund and deposits	100	100	100	100
Lease liabilities	152	-	152	-
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings	1,142	1,410	1,180	1,440
Total financial liabilities	2,755	2,846	2,793	2,876

NOTE 30 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

(c) 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.

(d) 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.

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

Investment of surplus funds is made with approved financial institutions under the Local Government Act 1993. 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 securitise its trade and other receivables.

It is Council's policy that some customers who wish to trade on credit terms are subject to credit verification procedures including an assessment of their credit rating, financial position, past experience and industry reputation.

In addition, receivable 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

	2020 $'000	2019 $'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	12	12

NOTE 30 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:

	2020 $'000	2019 $'000
Current (not yet due)	322	380
Past due by up to 30 days	9	1
Past due between 31 and 180 days	561	188
Past due between 181 and 365 days	2	5
Past due by more than 1 year	180	301
Total Trade & Other Receivables	1,074	874

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 non-lease Financial Liabilities. For lease liabilities refer to note 24.
These amounts represent undiscounted gross payments including both principal and interest amounts.

2020	6 mths or less $'000	6-12 months $'000	1-2 years $'000	>2 years $'000	Contracted Cash Flow $'000	Carrying Amount $'000
Payables/trust funds/deposits	1,461				1,461	1,461
Interest-bearing borrowings/leases				1,294	1,294	1,294
Total financial liabilities	1,461			1,294	2,755	2,755

2019	6 mths or less $'000	6-12 months $'000	1-2 years $'000	>2 years $'000	Contracted Cash Flow $'000	Carrying Amount $'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

NOTE 30 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

(e) 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 1.18%.

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
2020	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000
Financial assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	7,870	(75)	(75)	75	75
Receivables	1,074				
Financial liabilities:					
Borrowings	1,142				

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NOTE 31 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	30/06/2019				30/06/2020
Cradoc Cemetery Committee	2,555				2,555
Cradoc Park	11,150		2,825	2,580	11,395
Cygnet Town Hall Committee	17,506		20,671	19,882	18,295
Dover Oval Clubrooms	7,655		3,607	1,204	10,058
Geeveston Community Hall	4,342		3,770	5,423	2,689
Glen Huon Hall	14,923		10,548	9,772	15,700
Huonville Guide & Scout Hall	13,032		8,826	2,896	18,962
Judbury Community Centre	15,192		14,168	12,335	17,024
Palais Theatre	86,874		76,978	87,244	76,608
Pelverata Hall	6,859		2,385	1,362	7,882
Ranelagh Hall	17,885		7,003	5,401	19,487
Southport Community Centre	19,353		11,810	15,711	15,452
Surges Bay Hall	5,641		3,240	3,579	5,302
Tasmanian Forest Memorial	2,493		111	428	2,176
Far South Memorial	528		337	314	551
Mountain River Hall Management	4,975		8,544	2,429	11,090
Other General Committees					
Total	**230,962**		**174,822**	**170,559**	**235,225**

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

NOTE 32 CONTINGENT ASSETS & LIABILITIES

Council has an obligation to rehabilitate two ex-landfill sites, Geeveston and Cygnet. Council has engaged a consultant to develop a plan of works which will be presented to the EPA. Given the complex nature of such works, Council is currently unable to reliably quantify the obligation.

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 33 EVENTS AFTER BALANCE DATE

Council is aware of no events after the balance date.

NOTE 34 MANAGEMENT INDICATORS

Management indicators	Benchmark	2020 $'000	2019 $'000	2018 $'000	2017 $'000	2016 $'000
(a) Underlying surplus or deficit						
Recurrent income* less		25,499	23,911	24,934	24,184	24,234
Recurrent expenditure		25,467	24,525	23,407	23,177	21,587
Underlying surplus/deficit	>0	33	(614)	1,527	1,007	2,647

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

2019/2020 recurrent income includes the prepayment of Federal Assistance Grants received in advance. 2018/2019 recurrent income includes the prepayment of untied Federal Assistance Grants received in advance of $1,852,499 during the 2018/2019 year applicable for 2019/2020. 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.

(b) Underlying surplus ratio

Underlying surplus or deficit	33	(614)	1,527	1,007	2,647
Recurrent income*	25,499	23,911	24,934	24,184	24,234
Underlying surplus ratio %	0.13%	-2.57%	6.12%	4.17%	10.92%

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

The underlying surplus has been adjusted in years 2016-2020 to take into account the prepayment of untied Federal Assistance Grants received in advance of 1,923,193 in 2019/2020, $1,852,499 during 2018/2019, $1,855,044 during 2017/2018, and $1,769,174 during the 2016/2017 year.

(c) Net financial assets/(liabilities)

Liquid assets less	16,373	15,245	11,249	12,814	10,697
Total liabilities	6,091	4,925	3,418	3,297	3,321
Net financial assets/(liabilities)	10,282	10,320	7,830	9,517	7,376

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 assets/(liabilities) ratio

Net financial liabilities		10,282	10,320	7,830	9,517	7,376
Recurrent income*		25,499	23,911	24,934	24,184	24,234
Net financial assets/(liabilities) ratio %	0% - (50%)	40.32%	43.16%	31.40%	39.35%	30.44%

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 Councils ability to meet all its financial liabilities from its liquid assets, indicating a strong liquidity position.

		2020 $'000	2019 $'000	2018 $'000	2017 $'000	2016 $'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.						
Transport Infrastructure						
Depreciated replacement cost		143,979	122,600	118,572	118,320	121,735
Current replacement cost		254,497	220,250	213,264	211,783	209,686
Asset consumption ratio %	40% - 60%	56.57%	55.66%	55.60%	55.87%	58.06%
Buildings						
Depreciated replacement cost		37,534	31,907	31,614	33,142	33,699
Current replacement cost		65,205	58,898	57,180	53,886	53,886
Asset consumption ratio %	40% - 60%	57.56%	54.17%	55.29%	61.50%	62.54%
Stormwater						
Depreciated replacement cost		11,808	11,375	10,345	10,146	10,351
Current replacement cost		17,244	16,481	15,086	14,684	14,684
Asset consumption ratio %	40% - 60%	68.48%	69.02%	68.57%	69.10%	70.49%

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.

		2020 $'000	2019 $'000	2018 $'000	2017 $'000	2016 $'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.						
Transport Infrastructure						
Projected capital funding outlays**		30,075	48,791	35,879	32,214	29,279
Projected capital expenditure funding***		30,075	48,791	35,879	32,214	29,279
Asset renewal funding ratio %	90-100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Buildings						
Projected capital funding outlays**		6,422	8,089	6,336	6,336	5,885
Projected capital expenditure funding***		6,422	8,089	6,336	6,336	5,885
Asset renewal funding ratio %	90-100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Stormwater						
Projected capital funding outlays**		2,156	2,342	2,310	2,310	2,351
Projected capital expenditure funding***		2,156	2,342	2,310	2,310	2,351
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.

(g) Asset sustainability ratio

Capex on replacement/renewal of existing assets		8,225	6,707	7,517	7,975	6,978
Annual depreciation expense		5,835	6,787	5,969	6,531	6,231
Asset sustainability ratio %	100%	141%	99%	126%	122%	112%

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 it's 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 35 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 2020.

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 2020

	Note	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Recurring fair value measurements		$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000
Investment in Water Corporation	14			28,861	28,861
Property, infrastructure plant and equipment	19			2,538	2,538
Land, including land under roads	19		38,633		38,633
Buildings, including contents & intangibles	19			38,370	38,370
Roads, including footpaths, kerb & car parks	19			118,298	118,298
Bridges	19			24,646	24,646
Stormwater	19			11,808	11,808
Other Infrastructure	19			7,381	7,381
			38,633	231,902	270,535

As at 30 June 2019

	Note	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Recurring fair value measurements		$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000
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			32,722	32,722
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	213,685	253,107

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

	2020 $'000	2019 $'000
Opening Balance	213,685	203,254
Net Gains and Losses	26,913	5,706
Other Comprehensive Income	(8,696)	4,802
Purchases		
Sales Transfer from other Categories		
Closing Balance	231,902	213,763

(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

Assumptions and judgements are utilised in determining the value of land under roads. Land under roads in prior years was based on an average municipal land value. However, in the current year, this was changed to a value per land category (residential, commercial, rural etc) which were then added together, which resulted in a small decrement in value.

Buildings

The fair value of buildings were determined by qualified independent valuer Knowledge Asset in the 2019/20 financial year in addition to a review of the standard lives as at 30/06/2020.

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.

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.

Council road assets were revalued during the 2019/20 financial year by Burbury Consulting as at 01/07/2019.

Bridges

A revaluation of bridges assets was undertaken by independent valuers, AusSpan, during the 2019/20 financial year. 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 as at 30/06/2020.

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)

Council borrowings are measured at amortised cost with interest recognised in profit or loss when incurred. The fair value of borrowings disclosed in note 30 is provided by Tascorp (level 2)

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 2019/2020

Assets	Index
Buildings	Revalued
Stormwater	2.18%
Roads	Revalued
Bridges	Revalued
Footpaths	2.18%
Kerbs	2.18%
Car Parks	2.18%
Street furniture	2.18%
Walking tracks	2.18%
Marine facilities	2.18%
Playgrounds	2.18%
Sporting Facilities	2.18%

NOTE 36 SIGNIFICANT BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

MEDICAL PRACTICES	2019/20 Actual $'000	2019/20 Budget $'000	2018/19 Actual $'000
Revenues			
User fees	1,331	1,730	1,313
Other Income	244	231	202
	1,575	**1,961**	**1,515**
Expenses			
Employee Costs	1,243	1,754	1,313
Administrative Expenses	378	199	286
Utility Costs	4	7	22
	1,625	**1,960**	**1,621**
OPERATING PROFIT/(LOSS)	**(50)**		**(106)**
COMPETITIVE NEUTRALITY COSTS			
Opportunity Cost of Capital	1		
Depreciation	8		
Income Tax	(15)		
Council Rates	1		
	(5)		

RETIREMENT VILLAGES	2019/20 Actual $'000	2019/20 Budget $'000	2018/19 Actual $'000
Revenues			
Rental Income	125	128	122
Other Income			
	125	**128**	**122**
Expenses			
Employee Costs	14	12	17
Operating Expenses	118	116	104
	132	**128**	**121**
OPERATING PROFIT/(LOSS)	**(7)**		**1**
COMPETITIVE NEUTRALITY COSTS			
Opportunity Cost of Capital	9		33
Depreciation	69		52
Income Tax	(2)		
Council Rates	10		9
	86		**94**

RV SITES	2019/20 Actual $'000	2019/20 Budget $'000	2018/19 Actual $'000
Revenues			
Other Income	34		32
	34		**32**
Expenses			
Employee Costs			
Materials & Contractors			
Other Expenses			
OPERATING PROFIT/(LOSS)	**34**		**32**
COMPETITIVE NEUTRALITY COSTS			
Opportunity Cost of Capital	1		3
Depreciation			
Income Tax	10		10
Land Tax	3		3
Council Rates	2		2
	16		**9**

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.

NOTE 37 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. GHTC commenced operations from 2 December 2015. All GTHC directors are engaged on voluntary basis.

The directors of GTHC are:

Mr Ian Kuhl (Chair of the Board)
Mr Emilio Reale (Secretary)
Mr Andrew Burgess (Director)
Mrs Sally Doyle (Director)
Ms Lucy Whitehead (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	2020 July 2019 to June 2020 $	2019 July 2018 to June 2019 $
Revenue		
Stock Sales	11,603	35,576
Rental Income	8,475	7,920
Donations	1,455	3,283
Sundry Charges	2,236	10,092
Total Revenue	23,770	56,871
Expenditure		
Employee Costs	-	17,112
Cost of Goods Sold	-	43,855
Maintenance & Repairs	1,447	3,042
Other Expenses	17,413	42,355
Total Expenses	18,860	106,364
Surplus/Deficit	4,910	(49,493)
Financial Position		
Assets	80,455	3,392
Liabilities	(71,211)	(942)
Net Assets	9,244	4,334
Equity		
Current Year Earnings	4,910	13,782
Prior Period Adjustments	40,045	40,045
Retained Earnings	(35,711)	(49,493)
Net Equity	9,244	4,334

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NOTE 38 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	1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020
Deputy Mayor	Mrs Sally Doyle	1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020
Councillor	Mr Michael Newell	1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020
Councillor	Mr Paul Gibson	1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020
Councillor	Ms Christine Campbell	1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020
Councillor	Mr Michael Wilson	1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020
Councillor	Mr Robert Prince	1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020
Councillor	Ms Juarne Bird	1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020
Councillor	Mr Mark O'May	1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020
General Manager	Mr Emilio Reale	1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020
Director Corporate Services	Mr Wayne Thorpe	1 July 2019 to 27 September 2019
Director Corporate Services	Mr David Spinks	19 August 2019 to 30 June 2020
Director Legal & Governance Services	Mr Matthew Grimsey	1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019
Director Environment & Development Services	Mr Luke Chiu	1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020
Director Community Services	Mrs Rebecca Stevenson	1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020
Director Infrastructure Services	Mr Len Bester	1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020

(iii) Councillor Remuneration

2020	Short term employee benefits		Post employment benefits			
	Allowances $	Vehicles[2] $	Super-annuation[1] $	Total Compensation AASB 124 $	Expenses $	Total allowances and expenses section 72 $
Mayor	53,824	6,891	-	60,715	3,946	64,661
Deputy Mayor	29,987	-	-	29,987	3,373	33,360
Councillors	106,056	-	-	106,056	9,417	115,472
Total	**189,867**	**6,891**	**-**	**196,757**	**16,736**	**213,493**

There were nine Councillors for the period 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020.

[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 consumables and maintenance cost.

2019	Short term employee benefits		Post employment benefits			
	Allowances	Vehicles[2]	Super-annuation[1]	Total Compensation 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 nine Councillors for the period 5 November 2018 to 30 June 2019.

[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 consumables and maintenance cost.

(iv) Key Management Personnel Remuneration

2020		Short term employee benefits				Post employment benefits				
Remuneration band	Number of employees	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]	Non-monetary Benefits[8]	Total
		$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$
$120,000 - $140,000	1	36,710		1,746		12,942		67,073		118,471
$160,001 - $180,000	4	500,512		62,899	1,668	65,388	19,664		6,136	656,266
$180,001 - $200,000	1	136,915		14,388	540	18,081	7,733		5,426	183,082
$260,001 - $280,000	1	193,471		19,175	-	25,857			28,743	267,245
Total		**867,607**	**-**	**98,208**	**2,208**	**122,267**	**27,396**	**67,073**	**40,305**	**1,225,064**

2019		Short term employee benefits				Post employment benefits				
Remuneration band	Number of employees	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]	Non-monetary Benefits[8]	Total
		$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$
$140,000 - $160,000	5	633,898		70,104		79,237			4,818	788,057
$220,001 - $240,000	1	184,620		19,618		23,078			8,901	236,217
Acting Positions		27,352		3,493		3,419				34,264
Total		**845,870**	**-**	**93,215**	**-**	**105,734**	**-**	**-**	**13,719**	**1,058,538**

[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, paid out leave, or other long-service benefits and long-term disability benefits.

[7] Termination benefits include all forms accrued leave and 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 37

(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.

Nature of the transaction	Amount of the transactions during the year	*Outstanding balances, including commitments at year end*	*Terms and conditions*	*Provisions for doubtful debts related outstanding balances*	*The expense recognised during the period relating to bad or doubtful debts due from related parties*
Excavator Hire[1]	13,332	-	30 Day Terms	-	-
Supply of Books[2]	225	-	30 Day Terms	-	-

[1] *Council purchased Excavator Hire during the year from L & S Doyle Pty Ltd, a company which has a member of Councils KMP as a director. Amounts were billed based on normal rates for such supplies and were due and payable under normal payment terms.*

[2] *Council purchased Books during the year from Granny's Investments Pty Ltd, a company which has a member of Councils KMP as a director. Amounts were billed based on normal rates for such supplies and were due and payable under normal payment terms.*

In accordance with s84(2)(b) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, no interests have been notified to the General Manager in respect of any body or organisation with which the Council has major financial dealings.

(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 municipal area. 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.

NOTE 39 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 Benefit, Council does not use defined benefit accounting for these contributions.

For the year ended 30 June 2020 the Council contributed 12.5% 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.

Given the strong financial position of the Fund, the Actuary recommended that the Council consider a contribution holiday and contribute 0% of salaries from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2021.

The Actuary will continue to undertake a brief review of the financial position of the Fund at the end of each financial year to confirm that the contribution rates remain appropriate. The next full triennial actuarial review of the Fund will have an effective date of 30 June 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 $1,533,835.69 (2018/2019, $1,359,876.11).

During the next reporting period the expected amount of contributions to be paid to defined benefits schemes is $7,339.13 and the amount to be paid to accumulation schemes is $1,317,234.50.

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 2019, showed that the Fund had assets of $56.64 million and members' Vested Benefits were $47.32 million. These amounts represented 0.6% and 0.5% respectively of the corresponding total amounts for Tasplan.

As at 30 June 2019 the fund had 107 members and the total employer contributions and member contributions for the year ending 30 June 2019 were $1,000,322 and $221,484 respectively.

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