

ANNUAL REPORT

2022-2023



City of
Greater Geraldton
a vibrant future





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Welcome to the 2022-23 City of Greater Geraldton Annual Report. This report provides an overview of the activities undertaken in the 2022-23 financial year as we work to achieve our vision of becoming the home of WA's Regional Capital.

Driven by four strategic directions: Our Community; Our Environment; Our Economy; and Our Leadership, this report showcases our achievements. It provides a look at all elements of the work Council does, our financial performance and the governance and statutory regulations by which we operate.

The Local Government Act 1995 requires local governments to produce an Annual Report by 31 December each year.

The City of Greater Geraldton Annual Report is a public document that provides the disclosure requirements outlined in the Local Government Act 1995.

WELCOME

Lara Dalton MLA, WA Deputy Premier Rita Saffioti MLA and City of Greater Geraldton Mayor Jerry Clune at the opening of the Chapman Road Shared Path.



MAYOR'S FOREWORD

It was another fantastic year which saw the City and Council continuing to deliver great outcomes for the community. We acknowledge the cost of living continued to rise and we met this challenge by keeping rate increases low, yet delivering new projects that enrich our community.

It goes without saying, a lot of funds are spent on our urban and rural roads, and also our footpaths which span our vast city. But the 2022-23 financial year also welcomed significant upgrades to our recreation and open spaces, particularly in our suburbs.

The vibrancy in Spalding continues with the Spalding Precinct Plan implementation in full swing and we look forward to seeing AMC Park coming to life along with upgrades to the Mitchell Street Community Centre.

Sustainability and the environment remain top of the agenda and is something both Council and our community are passionate about. It was great to see Geraldton join the Electronic Vehicle (EV) network, we are continuing to embrace solar technology and we are always looking at ways to reduce our water and electricity consumption. The City is well and truly on track towards net zero carbon emissions by 2030 and we look forward to embracing more sustainable initiatives into the future.

Commitment to the City's rural areas remains strong through our advocacy to the State Government, support for the Mullewa Doctor and refurbishment of the Walkaway Public Hall.

Activation and vibrancy continues to soar in the

Midwest and we are still seeing many visit Geraldton – staying in our local accommodation, supporting our local businesses and enjoying everything Geraldton has to offer, as well as the continuation of a bumper cruise ship calendar.

While the organisation has produced positive outcomes, it doesn't come without its challenges. Significant reforms across the board continue to prove resource-heavy, while housing and homelessness remains an ongoing issue.

In saying this, I am looking forward to the future and the continuation of community projects that have positive flow on effects for our residents. The refurbishment and re-opening of the Aquarena Outdoor Pool has already proved to be popular, we are looking at creating a youth centre in Wonthella in the near future and getting rid of waste is about to become easier with the introduction of a new transfer station at Meru.

Our wonderful Foreshores have never looked better and we have welcomed a brand new public art mural at the Geraldton Regional Art Gallery.

I am proud of what continues to be achieved by both Council and City staff – to deliver for our community. We continue to rise to our challenges to ensure Greater Geraldton is a vibrant and great place to live, work and do business. I look forward to our growth and development into the future.

Jerry Clune
City of Greater Geraldton Mayor



MESSAGE

from the CEO

Reflecting on 2022-23, it was a very successful year with plenty of infrastructure projects underway, community activation increasing and the outlook for the future looking very bright. These outcomes were achieved through good financial management, obtaining significant grants and dedication to the local community from Councillors, officers, local businesses and volunteers.

The City was fortunate to receive significant grants through the Federal and State Governments. These grants facilitated a large number of renewal and new infrastructure projects such as extensive pathway improvements, the Spalding Precinct Plan implementation, Aquarena Outdoor Pool renewal, Meru Transfer Station, Sunset Beach coastal erosion mitigation, and rural culvert renewals. This year also saw the demolition of the Greenough Shire Chambers and Lot 100 Lester Avenue - reducing the City's asbestos register while facilitating new community opportunities.

The focus on renewing and improving the City's core infrastructure will continue in 2023-24 with grants allowing scoping and design works to commence on the replacement of the Walkaway Bridge as well as the Airport Microgrid.

Council's ongoing commitment to renewing existing assets along with 18-months of co-operation between the infrastructure and finance teams resulted in a significant improvement in our asset knowledge and depreciation position, which when combined with the timing of the Financial Assistance Grant and recruitment difficulties, contributed to the better-than-expected operating result. This facilitated the Council being able to keep its 2023-24 rate increase to one of the lowest in the state and in line with our Long Term Financial Plan.

On the social and economic development fronts, the City continues to facilitate new offerings such as hire of electric scooters, the commencement of a new air service, increased CBD activation and delivering the inaugural Iwarra Wilungga festival celebrating Aboriginal culture. This is all while continuing other popular community events such as welcoming cruise

ships, Shore Leave, Big Sky Readers and Writers Festival, Mullewa Muster and the Mullewa Agricultural Show, GRAG exhibitions, Seniors Week, Battle of the Bands and more. Council is also well advanced in seeking approval for its latest Reconciliation Action Plan and Disability Access and Inclusion Plan, alongside the implementation of an Active Travel Officer.

Council made significant progress on its quest to become carbon zero by 2030 by joining the WALGA electricity consortia, installing solar panels on City facilities, the use of solar LED lighting, obtaining Federal Grant funding to install the Airport Microgrid, purchasing two hybrid fleet vehicles and undertaking early works to process the methane emitted at Meru Landfill. This commitment will continue in 2023-24 with the City set to purchase 50% of its electricity from renewables and 100% the following year.

Managing the ever changing and increasing legislative framework continues to consume a large amount of time and resources. Reforms around the Local Government Act, Aboriginal Cultural Heritage, Dog Act, Child Safety, Community Health and Safety are top of the list. This is occurring while the devolution of responsibilities without associated funding continues with respect to solving the homelessness and housing crisis, and signals from the Federal Government that grants to rural areas will diminish.

I look forward to continuing our strong focus on renewals while turning our attention to the future of Maitland Park, the Separation Point Caravan Park site, creation of a Youth Centre, the development of additional industrial land and the implementation of phase two of the City's Enterprise Resource Planning project.

In closing, I would like to thank our dedicated and hardworking teams across our various facilities and functions that make up the City of Greater Geraldton.

You have all contributed to our successes over the 2022-23 financial year and do a fantastic job servicing our community.

Ross McKim
CEO, City of Greater Geraldton



GREATER GERALDTON

Located 419 kilometres north of Perth, Greater Geraldton is a thriving city with a population of over 41,000. The city and the Midwest are recognised as having the most diversified economy in the state through industries including mining, fishing, aquaculture, agriculture, manufacturing, construction, retail and tourism.

As one of Western Australia's top places to live, work, study or invest, Geraldton is the capital of the Midwest. With the best of coastal and rural living, and stunning weather all-year round, Greater Geraldton makes a truly perfect place to visit and to make home. Geraldton's coastline is a huge tourist attraction and has beautiful Foreshores to match.

Other attractions include the iconic Point Moore Lighthouse, the HMAS *Sydney* II Memorial and the Houtman Abrolhos Islands which are located 80km off the coast of Geraldton.

Greater Geraldton also incorporates the towns of Mullewa, Walkaway and Greenough settlement. World renowned as an extensive host of water sports, Geraldton lends itself to some of the most spectacular kite surfing, windsurfing, fishing and diving conditions.

CITY OF GREATER GERALDTON SNAPSHOT



HOUSING

Median price
Feb 2022 - Jan 2023
\$330,000 HOUSE
\$350/wk RENT



VISITORS

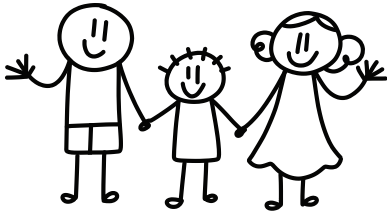
Door numbers
37,200



AIRPORT

2022/23 PASSENGERS
104,150

RESIDENT POPULATION



41,495

50.6% FEMALE 49.4% MALE 40 MEDIAN AGE

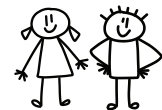
UNEMPLOYMENT

As at June 2023
2.7%



CGG EMPLOYEES

Total FTE
295



TOTAL AREA

City of
Greater Geraldton

9,908km²



BUILDING ASSETS

City of
Greater Geraldton

214



RATEABLE PROPERTIES

GRV Residential Properties **19,533**

UV Rural, Farming and Mining Properties **1,099**

Exempt Properties **1,553**



TERTIARY EDUCATION

STUDENTS ENROLLED

Geraldton
University Centre **270**
Vocational
Education **4,653**



GROSS REGIONAL PRODUCT

Greater Geraldton **\$4B** Midwest **\$8.2B**

GERALDTON PORT



Total Trade Throughput **17.4MT**



Vessel visits
400

Total Trade Exports
16.5MT

Total Trade Imports
0.90MT

TOP FIVE INDUSTRIES BY OUTPUT

Mining **\$1,225M**
Construction **\$1,018M**
Rental, Hiring & Real Estate Services **\$589M**
Manufacturing **\$576M**
Transport, Postal & Warehousing **\$552M**

TOP FIVE ICONIC ATTRACTIONS



1. Abrolhos Islands
2. HMAS Sydney II Memorial
3. Museum of Geraldton
4. St Francis Xavier Cathedral
5. Point Moore Lighthouse

TOP FIVE INDUSTRIES BY EXPORT

Mining **\$1,065M**
Transport, Postal & Warehousing **\$272M**
Agriculture, Forrestry & Fishing **\$262M**
Construction **\$257M**
Manufacturing **\$253M**

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS 2022-23

Events continue in popularity

Geraldton's inaugural Iwarra Wilungga event was delivered. This event shines a light on Aboriginal culture and also raises awareness around mental health and some of the support services available locally. A number of Geraldton's ever-popular events returned in 2022-23 including Big Sky Readers and Writers Festival, Christmas on the Terrace, numerous GRAG exhibitions, Sundays by the Sea, Seniors Week, Battle of the Bands, Passport 2 Employment and the Mullewa Muster.

Railway Safe Active Street

The transformation of the 1.4km long Railway Street in Bluff Point into a Safe Active Street (SAS), the first of its kind in regional WA. The transformation saw Railway Street turned into shared space for riders, walkers and drivers featuring new red asphalt, traffic calming devices and a 30km/h speed limit.

Horizon returns

Geraldton's much loved public art piece Horizon, returned after suffering a structural failure and vandalism. Since its return, its popularity continues as one of Geraldton's most visited icons located on Beresford Foreshore.

e-Scooter trial

E-scooters officially landed in Geraldton as part of a 15-month trial, providing a unique experience which has increased tourism and vibrancy locally. Delivered by Beam, the e-Scooters have helped to increase transport options – while helping to reduce the community's carbon footprint.

Outdoor Pool

Throughout 2022-23 works were underway for the refurbishment of the Aquarena Outdoor Pool. A much-loved and popular community asset, works included the replacement of the pool's concrete walls and water treatment plant, the installation of new drainage and hydraulic systems, complete retiling of the pool and a 25m long disability access ramp. The Aquarena Outdoor Pool officially re-opened in October 2023.

Spalding Revitalisation

The plan to revitalise the AMC Park and Mitchell Street Community Centre in Spalding has been finalised and works commenced. The final design features an adventurous playground, basketball court, yarnning/education circle, covered picnic nodes, new pathways, a bush tucker garden, public toilets and more car parking with ACROD bays.

The Mitchell Street Community Centre is also planned to undergo some renovations including the installation of doors along the eastern side of the building that will open onto a large veranda.

New playground signage

Signs to help individuals communicate were installed at various playgrounds in Geraldton, helping to create an inclusive environment for all. The Communication Boards were a collaboration between the City and Rocky Bay to increase social skills and aid language development, especially with those who have difficulty speaking.

Youth

Thousands of local youth continue to enjoy the programs and events delivered by the City. The popular School Holiday Program returned for each school break, giving local families plenty of options for things to do! Revolve Skate Series also returned, as did Late Night Basketball. For the first time, youngsters took over Rocks Laneway for 'Day in the Laneway'. The maker's market with a twist provided young creatives with the chance to display their wares and test their entrepreneurial skills as they sell homemade products.

Journey towards net zero

The journey towards net zero carbon emissions for City operations by 2030 went into high gear with a program introduced to replace petrol powered fleet vehicles with hybrids. The first hybrid to join the City's passenger fleet was a Toyota Corolla that recharges the battery while you drive so it doesn't need to be plugged in. To ensure the City meets its target of net zero carbon emissions by 2030, all petrol powered passenger vehicles will be replaced with hybrids when they are due for renewal. Geraldton also joined Australia's longest electric vehicle (EV) highway with the installation of two EV charging stations that can charge up to four vehicles at the same time in the CBD.

Bowerbird

The Bowerbird celebrated one year under City management and served 14,740 customers and diverted a whopping 58,425 items from landfill in 12 months.

Buy Local Greater Geraldton Gift Cards

The popularity of the Buy Local Greater Geraldton Gift Cards continues to soar with another bumper year. To date, more than 4,400 cards have been loaded with a total load value of \$412,270. The festive season proves popular with 900 Gift Cards purchased December 2022, totalling over \$107,000 for the month alone.

Beach Emergency Signs

Safety on local beaches was boosted following the installation of 75 Beach Emergency Number (BEN) signs at various beach access points. Each BEN sign features a unique code that pinpoints the exact location of the caller and enables first responders to quickly and accurately find the incident site. BEN signs were introduced in honour of Ben Gerring who suffered a fatal shark attack near Mandurah in 2016.

Geraldton wins silver in tourism awards

Geraldton claimed silver in the 2023 7NEWS Top Tourism Town Awards for a second year in a row. The Awards recognise destinations with a strong commitment to tourism and increasing visitation in their locality.

Bumper Cruise Ship Season

A total of 11 visits to Geraldton were made by seven cruise ships in the 2022-23 season injecting more than \$3.3million into the local economy from 11,240 passengers and crew members from the various cruise ships, making it one of the Midwest's biggest cruise ship seasons to date! The cruise ship calendar and associated activities are a joint collaboration between the City of Greater Geraldton and Mid West Ports Authority.

Construction of Chapman Road Shared Path

The City's active transport network expanded by an additional 3.5kms with the construction of the long-awaited Chapman Road Shared Path between Sunset Beach and Drummond Cove. The path provides a safe cycling route for commuters, school children and tourists and will improve connectivity to accommodation, beach attractions and schools.

Construction begins on new waste transfer station

Construction commenced on the brand new 20 bay transfer station at Meru Waste Facility. Disposing of waste will become safer and easier and provide more opportunities to separate waste reducing cross-contamination, and enable more recyclable materials than ever before to be collected and processed for reuse. The project is set to be completed in December 2023.

Aquarena Quiet Hour Trial

The Geraldton Aquarena trialled a 'Quiet Hour' in a bid to increase inclusivity at the facility, the quiet hour provides an opportunity for people who find it challenging to come into the venue which can sometimes be a heightened sensory environment. As part of the trial changes to the facility included reduced lighting, music turned down or off, visible signage advising patrons of the program, the pool hoist ready and accessible as well as extra staff available to support the program.

Chapman Road Activation Trial Stage Two begins

An extension of the Chapman Road Activation Pilot Project trialling further temporary changes to the street between Cathedral Avenue and Durlacher Street was officially complete. The Stage Two design was informed by community feedback and reflects the revised road layout proposed in the Geraldton City Centre Revitalisation Plan. Stage Two featured two straightened lanes of traffic, adjustments to the merging and demerging sections of the street and designated on street parking.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION 2022-23

- ★ Silver in the 2023 GWN7 Top Tourism Town Awards
- ★ 2023 Safe System Approach Road Infrastructure Improvements Local Government Road Safety Award
- ★ Geraldton Aquarena were finalists in the WA Disabled Sports Association's (WADSA) awards for the Community Service Provider category
- ★ Queens Park Theatre nominated in the 2023 Pinnacle Awards for the Western Australian Presenter of the year

OUR COMMUNITY



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Description

This service plans and delivers City events and functions with the assistance of over 200 volunteers. It actively sources and secures external funding via sponsorships and grant funding to subsidise costs. The City's Events team also work alongside external event organisers, promoters, community groups and organisations to assist in the delivery of their events and functions to the community.

The service is responsible for Christmas decorations along Marine Terrace and plays a key role in contributing to the social fabric of the community through fostering opportunities for participation in a broad range of events.

Service performance 2022-23

- ✔ Six events delivered in the 2022-23 financial year.
- ✔ Organisations and events supported included Shore Leave, Mullewa Muster, Harmony Day, Festival of Lights as well as many smaller events such as HMAS *Stalwart* Open Day and Funtavia Food Truck Feast.
- ✔ The City successfully delivered events such as the ever-popular Christmas on the Terrace, a stargazing event in Greenough in conjunction with Astro Tourism WA as part of their Dark Sky Tour, Australia Day, HMAS *Sydney II* Commemorative Service and ANZAC Day.

HERITAGE SERVICES

Description

This service is responsible for the preservation of local history, pioneer cemeteries, civic archives, community museums, Indigenous heritage and the historical research needs of the community. The service also utilises the City's historical identity, material heritage and culture to develop tourist products such as signage and trails.

Service performance 2022-23

- ✔ 336 Local History enquiries were received, totalling some 167 hours of assistance provided.
- ✔ Review, research and design of 13 heritage signs.
- ✔ 1,410 photographs, newspaper articles, family history research and other ephemera catalogued and added to the Local History Collection.

LIBRARY SERVICES

Description

The Geraldton Regional Library, also servicing Mullewa Library, offers a range of services including free lending services (books, e-Books, DVDs), children's literacy programs, free WIFI and computer access, meeting rooms, Big Sky Readers and Writers Festival, Randolph Stow Young Writers Awards and a mobile lending service for homebound customers. The Library is a thriving community hub, which activates east Marine Terrace.

Service performance 2022-23

- ✔ 203K visitors to Library.
- ✔ 5,021 active Library members, total registered 20,734.
- ✔ 140K items loaned (physical and e-resources).
- ✔ 461 housebound patrons visits conducted.
- ✔ 3,228 items delivered to housebound patrons.
- ✔ Randolph Stow Young Writers Awards in their 34th year.
- ✔ 4,810 children and adults attended Rhyme Time and Story Time sessions.

GALLERY AND PUBLIC ART

Description

The Geraldton Regional Art Gallery (GRAG) is the City's principal arts institution, which curates the Mid West Art Prize, City Art Collection and the City's public art portfolio along with a myriad of exhibitions and art related workshops. Since 1984, GRAG has been recognised as an A-Class venue, which creates a vibrant arts scene, stimulates tourism and fosters social wellbeing.

Service performance 2022-23

- ✔ This financial year 18 exhibitions have been undertaken, both travelling and locally curated.
- ✔ To coincide with the 2022 Big Sky Readers and Writers Festival, GRAG generated two integrated exhibitions - The Town Hall 1907-1984 and the Banksia Ball 50th Anniversary.
- ✔ The Art Gallery Park redevelopment was completed, providing modern landscaping and facilities, enabling further Gallery and community events in the Art Gallery surrounds.
- ✔ Reaching into the Geraldton CBD on Post Office Lane the set of eight Lightboxes hosted three exhibitions, including a collaboration with the Wilunyu Language Reference Group and secondary school students in a Wilunyu Language revitalisation project.
- ✔ *Horizon* reinstalled and celebrated by community and "Emu Eggs" sculptures on the Foreshore repaired.
- ✔ Bus shelter artwork installed in Geraldton and Walkaway.
- ✔ Public Art Trail Map created.
- ✔ 39,082 people attended the Geraldton Regional Art Gallery (including foot-traffic to Visitor Centre).
- ✔ \$35k retail sales.

QUEENS PARK THEATRE

Description

The Queens Park Theatre (QPT) is the region's flagship performing arts theatre and hosts shows, conferences and events that contribute to a vibrant community and support a rich cultural life. The QPT adds to the cultural vibrancy and social fabric of the region by allowing community members access to shows that they would normally have to travel to Perth to enjoy.

Service performance 2022-23

- ✔ Over 20,700 patrons attended.
- ✔ High profile and popular shows at QPT included Western Australian Symphony Orchestra, Jane Eyre by Shake & Stir, Bangarra Sand song and Ross Noble.
- ✔ Six sold-out shows.
- ✔ Total value of ticket sales - over \$660k.
- ✔ Presented 18 touring shows including outreach to Mullewa and Walkaway.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Description

The service works closely with State Government agencies and businesses to enhance our local communities via precinct planning processes and implementation along with working closely with the community and local progress associations to develop and implement projects and programs in their areas. This service oversees and implements the City's Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) and the City's Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP) including the City's annual Disability Support Awards.

Service performance 2022-23

- ✔ WAPHA suicide prevention funding provided opportunities to deliver mental health programs to the community.
- ✔ Various programs at QEII provide ongoing initiatives that support mental and physical health. Programs include Pickle Ball, Switched on Seniors, Gentle Pilates, Balance Gym and many more.
- ✔ Worked closely with Reconciliation Australia on the submission of the City's updated Reconciliation Action Plan.
- ✔ Delivery of All Ability Day to celebrate International Day of People with Disability in conjunction with a variety of stakeholders.
- ✔ Passport 2 Employment program 2022 delivered with 18 participants from three local schools and two disability service providers as well as Central Regional TAFE.
- ✔ Dance Day Disco for people with disability at the QEII Seniors and Community Centre in collaboration with volunteers.
- ✔ Active Bystander Training has been delivered face to face across the organisation.
- ✔ Event delivery including National Reconciliation Week 2023, NAIDOC week, Iwarra Wilungga – inaugural Aboriginal Festival.
- ✔ Continuing to be members of Justice and Community Networking Committee to plan community events to celebrate NAIDOC Week and National Reconciliation Week.
- ✔ Progressing with the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan 2024 – 2029 including community workshop.

OUR COMMUNITY - ACHIEVEMENTS 2022-23

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Description

This service organises and delivers a range of community projects and programs including the School Holiday Program. It also delivers a series of diversionary programs to reduce or prevent the antisocial behaviour of at risk youth. The service also operates the Mullewa Youth Centre.

Service performance 2022-23

- ✔ 10 bands performed as part of Battle of the Bands with approximately 400 patrons in attendance.
- ✔ The ever-popular Sundays by the Sea program ran from January-May 2023 for a total of 16 Sundays. Community sentiment was positive, some weeks more than 300 people in attendance.
- ✔ Seven films were successfully shown as part of Films on the Foreshore.
- ✔ There were over 60 activities delivered as part of the 2022-23 School Holiday Program. Collectively, these activities had a total of approximately, 1,150 attendees.
- ✔ A Day in the Laneway was a new event run as part of Youth Week. A total of 25 young entrepreneurs ran stalls with hundreds in attendance.
- ✔ Revolve Skate Series was successfully coordinated for the second time in September 2022.
- ✔ The Mullewa Youth Centre continued to open regularly for three days a week with attendance consistently high.
- ✔ Bike Rescue Program successfully delivered in January 2023.
- ✔ The Hot Spots crime prevention initiative provided police funding to local groups to run programs targeting anti-social issues in their area. Three successful programs started were Levy Street Life, SODA Sessions project and Skate Today.

QEII SENIORS AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

Description

The QEII Seniors and Community Centre (QEII) provides seniors with a range of programs, activities and presentations that promote healthy ageing. The service also produces and distributes a monthly newsletter and provides free access to computers and the internet. The QEII is also available to the community for hire.

Service performance 2022-23

- ✔ New programs added to the QEII's offering for seniors including Pickle Ball, Pilates, Marching Group and additional Switched on Seniors sessions.
- ✔ 19 events held throughout Seniors Week with approximately 490 seniors attending.
- ✔ 1251 registered members.
- ✔ 51 programs delivered.
- ✔ More than 5,840 hard copies of the QEII Monthly Newsletter distributed to centre users with monthly email distribution to approximately 720 recipients including aged care providers.
- ✔ World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Event.
- ✔ Number of face-to-face assistance provided: 5592.

AQUATIC FACILITIES

Description

The City has three Aquatic facilities;

1. Geraldton Aquarena which is a multipurpose swimming facility comprising of a 50m outdoor pool, 25m indoor lap pool, a leisure pool with water slide and a hydrotherapy pool.
2. The Doc Docherty Pool in Mullewa has a six laned 33m pool, a toddler pool with water sprayers and play area, table tennis table and change rooms.
3. The Foreshore Waterpark, located on the Geraldton Foreshore, enables younger children and their families opportunities to engage in safe water activities.

Service performance 2022-23

- ✔ In March 2022, construction on the 70% completed Aquarena outdoor pool project was suspended when Cyclone Charlotte caused significant damage to the works. The pool was reopened in October 2023.
- ✔ Provided compliant facilities for community 'learn to swim' classes.
- ✔ Facilitated and offered 16 group fitness classes with high attendance rates.
- ✔ 167,570 Aquarena attendance.
- ✔ 4,850 Doc Doherty Pool, Mullewa attendance.
- ✔ The Aquarena User Groups regularly used the swimming pools and facilities throughout the year. They include the Geraldton Amateur Swimming Club, Geraldton Water Polo Association, Geraldton Masters Swimming Club, Geraldton Physiotherapy and Department of Education Swimming Lessons.
- ✔ Various training sessions have been run at the Aquarena by Royal Life Saving WA.
- ✔ Trialled Quiet Hour – a low-sensory experience to increase inclusivity.
- ✔ Installation of two hoists, a variety of slings, a pool wheelchair and a commode in the Hydrotherapy pool has greatly improved the aquatic experience for people with disabilities and been well received by the community.
- ✔ A new class, SMILE (Slower Moves, Impact Lowered Exercises), was introduced and very well received.
- ✔ 1421 patrons were enrolled for Swim School at an average of 95% capacity.

SPORTS AND LEISURE PLANNING

Description

This service provides a link between the sporting community and the City. It assists sporting venues through Ground Management Committees with the planning, ground level operations and management of these facilities to ensure they are sustainable. The service also works with sporting groups and sporting industry bodies to activate sporting spaces and support sports events tourism. The service also administers the State Government's Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund (CSRFF) by collating applications and reporting to Council on the equitable and transparent distribution of grant funding.

Service performance 2022-23

- ✔ Annual Sporting Tower Lighting Compliance Audit completed.
- ✔ Provided sporting/club educational webinars and professional development.
- ✔ Coordinated sports summer and winter ground usage.
- ✔ Facilitated grant funding opportunities for sporting groups.
- ✔ Managed sporting precincts and sporting leased facilities.
- ✔ Provided communications to sporting community enquiries.
- ✔ 14 sporting facilities/precincts managed.
- ✔ Three CSRFF applications supported.

COMMUNITY FUNDING PROGRAMS

Description

This service provides funding assistance to local community groups and organisations that make positive contributions to the quality of life within Greater Geraldton.

Service performance 2022-23

- ✔ Six programs:
 - Community Grants Program - Round 27 & 28 delivered, 30 applications, \$150,000 awarded.
 - Community Project Support Program – 2 rounds, 14 applications, \$9,419 awarded.
 - Service Agreements – one application, \$37,768 awarded.
 - Mayoral Discretionary Fund - \$44,800 awarded to 18 applicants.
 - Festival and Event Program - \$135,000 awarded to 3 applicants.
 - CSRFF/Club Night Lights Funding - \$79,387 awarded to three applicants.

MULLEWA COMMUNITY SERVICES

Description

Operating from the Mullewa District Office, this service provides administrative support to the community and manages a wide range of tourism, library, recreation, youth, health, cultural and transport services. It also produces a monthly community newsletter and together with the local community coordinates annual events, festivals, shows and projects.

Service performance 2022-23

- ✔ Australia Day activities and Citizen Awards attracted 150 people to Doc Docherty Pool.
- ✔ Shooting Stars, WACRH and the Indigenous Foundational Walkabout (delivered by Centacare) programs were supported to provide activities for Mullewa youth at the Centre. Additionally, a focus was placed on recruitment and training of local young people to address the resourcing issues.
- ✔ Banners completed for Mullewa Youth Week.
- ✔ Australia Day celebrations, Community Builders program, ANZAC Day breakfast all delivered by the City.
- ✔ Support provided for Mullewa Muster, Agricultural Show, Outback Bloom Wildflower Exhibition, Astro Tourism Star Gazing Event and NAIDOC Event.
- ✔ Department of Transport licensing services – 747 transactions.
- ✔ Transactions Mullewa Library – 1,163 items loaned.
- ✔ Mullewa Caravan Park Bookings – 3,702.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND FIRE

Description

This service ensures the City is prepared for, able to respond to, and recover from, natural disasters and emergency events. It ensures the City is compliant with relevant legislation including Emergency Management Act 2005, Bush Fires Act 1954, Fire Brigades Act 1942 and Local Government Act 1995.

The service also provides assistance to the Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades to mitigate the risk of bushfire on City managed and private land which includes preparation and prevention of bush fires by undertaking prescribed burns and maintaining City owned fire hydrants. The service is also responsible for the annual firebreak inspections.

Service performance 2022-23

- ✔ Council adopted the Batavia Local Emergency Management Plan.
- ✔ Implemented over \$466,000 of bushfire mitigation works through the Mitigation Activity Funds grant program.
- ✔ Inspected properties as part of the City's annual firebreak compliance check.
- ✔ Issued 1159 works notices to ensure property owners complied with fire mitigation requirements.
- ✔ The Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades responded to 110 fires.
- ✔ Three fire appliances were replaced within the Bush Fire Brigade fleet as part of the Emergency Services Levy Capital Grants Program.

RANGER SERVICES

Description

This service is responsible for applying and administering the City's legal obligations in relation to animal management, local laws, parking, camping grounds, caravan parks, off-road vehicles and litter. This includes operation of the Animal Management Facility (AMF), implementation of the City Centre Car Parking Management Plan and the Corella Management Program, management of CCTV and representing the City on related legal matters.

Service performance 2022-23

- ✔ Ongoing successful partnerships with numerous animal rehoming agencies.
- ✔ Continued implementation of the Corella Management program.
- ✔ Ongoing partnerships with the community including the RSPCA, Central Regional TAFE and school visits.
- ✔ Continued and ongoing attendance in Mullewa to ensure provision of full Ranger Services.
- ✔ Successful management of proactive TAFE sterilisation, vaccination and microchipping program in Geraldton and Mullewa.
- ✔ Ongoing monitoring and support of rough sleepers in Geraldton.
- ✔ 3393 requests were initiated.
- ✔ 560 dogs returned to owners.
- ✔ 387 dogs rehomed.

OUR ENVIRONMENT



RUBBISH COLLECTION AND SANITATION

Description

This service collects rubbish from commercial and residential properties for transport to Meru Landfill. The service includes weekly kerbside bin pickup, street/park bin collection, illegal dumping and litter clean ups, animal carcass collection, bin delivery, street litter bin maintenance, plastic blue bin servicing and event bin hire.

Service performance 2022-23

- ✔ The FOGO kerbside collection trial is nearing completion for 500 residential households. A review will be undertaken to assess future plans for expansion for organic kerbside recycling.
- ✔ The City entered into a new long-term collection contract in early 2023.
- ✔ 14,544T kerb-side wheelie bin waste.
- ✔ 164T FOGO waste from 530 trial participants.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

Description

This service manages the Meru Waste Disposal Facility which consists of five waste cells, two liquid waste treatment ponds, stock wash-down bay, a transfer station, a household hazardous waste storage, a green waste mulching area and the Bowerbird (Reuse Shop).

The service also includes the Mullewa Transfer Station facility and takes waste from surrounding Local Governments and businesses in the Midwest. The Meru Landfill is one of two, class III landfills, located north of the metropolitan region and is managed under a Department of Water and Environment Regulation (DWER) license.

Service performance 2022-23

- ✔ The City manages the Bowerbird with a dedicated team of staff. 14,740 customers served; 58,425 items diverted from landfill; \$191,980 in sales.
- ✔ Implementation of the Meru Master Plan which addresses the Meru Waste Disposal Facility future needs is underway. Current projects being rolled out include:
 - Design, and construction of a resource recovery station to increase recovery and recycling targets.
 - New hardstand and internal access road for metal recovery and recycling.
 - Development of capping plan for old waste cells near capacity.
- ✔ 75,905T waste received at Meru.

CITY WORKS

Description

This service manages a wide range of maintenance operations throughout Greater Geraldton including maintaining, upgrading and completing renewals for some of the City's biggest assets – roads, footpaths, cycle paths and stormwater drain infrastructure. Spanning from Geraldton, Greenough, Mullewa and Walkaway, the vast network of infrastructure plays a vital role in the liveability of the region and maintaining a safe and fit for purpose transport network. The service also looks after bus stop locations and associated infrastructure.

Service performance 2022-23

- ✔ Maintained approximately 833 kilometres of sealed roads including pothole repair.
- ✔ Maintaining the road sweeping programme to all City controlled sealed roads and car parks.
- ✔ Identify, investigate and repair road defects ahead of road renewal programmes.
- ✔ Maintaining 1,234kms of unsealed roads including maintenance grading, scour repairs and table drain maintenance.
- ✔ Complete rural road gravel re-sheet programme of 60 kilometres of unsealed road annually
- ✔ Maintaining 731kms of stormwater drainage infrastructure including CCTV inspections of pits and pipes.
- ✔ Inspecting and clearing Stormwater system blockages and ocean outfalls.
- ✔ Cleaning gross pollutant traps which trap litter and debris from within the system to reduce pollution of water ways.
- ✔ Maintaining 253 kilometres of footpath and shared path including repair/remove trip hazards and replace damaged path sections.
- ✔ Maintaining brick paved paths and parking areas in the CBD.
- ✔ Developed and implemented a 10 year renewal plan for bus stop locations and infrastructure in collaboration with public transport authority.

CITY PRECINCT

Description

This service provides a heightened level of service to significant and high profile areas of the Central Business District (CBD). The service maintains the lawns, street trees, verges and playgrounds, sweeps and repairs footpaths, removes rubbish and graffiti and repairs vandalism. The service also engages regularly with CBD businesses and community members to ensure community safety and satisfaction with maintenance carried out.

Service performance 2022-23

- ✔ Maintained the footpath sweeping services – Geraldton CBD/Geraldton Foreshore/Memorials.
- ✔ Maintained the lawns, street trees, verges and playgrounds – Geraldton CBD/Geraldton Foreshore/Memorials.
- ✔ Provided expedited maintenance services to high profile areas to ensure vibrancy of areas.
- ✔ 1,350kms maintained footpath sweeping services.
- ✔ 580kms lawn mowing.
- ✔ Supported high-profile events such as Australia Day, Shore Leave and many cruise ships that visited by ensuring the Geraldton Foreshore was maintained to a high standard and presented well to the community.
- ✔ Supported the maintenance of the HMAS *Sydney* Memorial II by mowing, pruning and general upkeep to ensure the Memorial is presented to the highest standard to the community including completing a significant project where the northern bank was stabilised with 1800 plants and mulch installed.

NATURAL AND COASTAL AREAS

Description

This service is responsible for the restoration, enhancement and protection of the environment. It provides expert advice and input into the environmental components of infrastructure planning, design and delivery of projects including the development of the Coastal Hazard Risk Management Adaptation Plan (CHRMAP). The team also provides a variety of biodiversity, natural areas, climate change and sustainability programs, undertakes a range of coastal protection projects and manages Community Nursery operations.

Service performance 2022-23

- ✔ 576 Geotextile Sand Container (GSC) bags installed at Sunset Beach.
- ✔ Over 5,000 volunteer work hours at the Community Nursery to grow 18,000 plants for City projects.
- ✔ The Geraldton Coastal Strategy and Foreshore Management Plan was endorsed by Council in June 2023.
- ✔ Development of 'Achieving Net Zero Corporate Climate Mitigation Plan' priority projects including:
 - Exploration of gas flaring opportunities at Meru.
 - Transition to a corporate green energy tariff agreement.
 - Establishment of a microgrid at Geraldton Airport.
 - Passed the 50% mark for LED replacement in City lighting infrastructure.
- ✔ Coastal monitoring of four coastal hotspots to inform future coastal adaptation decision making.

PARKS, RESERVES AND SPORTING GROUNDS

Description

This service maintains parks and green space, street trees, verges and sporting grounds including Park furniture, playground's and irrigation systems within the open space reserves across the City. It also undertakes parks and reserves planning utilising the Parks Hierarchy Guidelines to ensure public open space reserves are safe and fit for purpose. The service implements upgrades and renewals of open space infrastructure to ensure organised sport and informal recreation are provided to enhance the health and wellbeing of our community.

Service performance 2022-23

- ✔ 47,000m² irrigated turf maintained.
- ✔ Mowing programme across sports reserves, parks and open space including Geraldton, Mullewa, Greenough and Walkaway.
- ✔ Fertiliser, turf nutrient and wetting agent application to irrigated turf to reduce water usage and maintain turf resilience.
- ✔ Maintain extensive irrigation systems across approximately 200 parks, reserves and street gardens.
- ✔ Inspect, audit and maintain approximately 75 playgrounds.
- ✔ Plan and implement upgrades and renewal to irrigation systems, parks furniture and landscaping.
- ✔ Maintain playground shade sails.
- ✔ 23 sport fields maintained to provide for a wide range of organised and informal sports or recreation activity.
- ✔ 300 street trees planted.
- ✔ 2,500 trees under power lines maintained annually.
- ✔ Manufacture and install street signs and non-regulatory road signage.
- ✔ Manage and maintain the City's urban forest including planting, pruning and inspecting street trees and park trees.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Description

This service implements and maintains various health programs and projects which ensure a high standard of environmental and public health is attained in accordance with the Health Act 1911, Food Act 2008, Caravan Park and Camping Ground Act 1995, Environmental Protection Act 1986 and Health Local Laws 2014. The service also developed and administers the Five Star Food Safety program.

Service performance 2022-23

- ✔ Established a multi agency team that successfully worked to divert and minimise homelessness and the antisocial behaviour associated within disused buildings in the CBD area.
- ✔ Undertook a City wide derelict and unfit housing survey.
- ✔ Successfully engaged private sector stakeholders, regarding the investigation and commencement of joint pigeon control program using birth control feeds. Program of control to commence in 2023/24.
- ✔ 163 Health Act inspections undertaken.
- ✔ 237 environmental and public health related complaints investigated and actioned for compliance with statutory obligations.
- ✔ 292 food business inspections undertaken.

ASSET MANAGEMENT

Description

This service identifies the location and condition of individual assets including roads, bridges, parks, paths, playgrounds, stormwater drainage, street and park furniture and City owned buildings. The asset information helps develop and update asset management maintenance and renewal programs utilised by all departments. It is also responsible for providing statistical asset data to State Government agencies including Main Roads WA and Department of Water and Environmental Regulation.

Service performance 2022-23

- ✔ Maintain physical asset data and prepare renewal scopes for asset renewals including:
 - Sealed roads
 - Unsealed roads
 - Stormwater pit and pipe renewals, drainage sumps and culverts
 - Footpath renewals
 - 194 parks and reserves
 - 54 playgrounds



OUR FOCUS

OUR ECONOMY - ACHIEVEMENTS 2022-23

GERALDTON VISITOR CENTRE

Description

The Visitor Centre enhances the visitor's experience by providing up to date information to both potential and visiting tourists with what there is to see and do in the area via telephone, email or face-to-face contact. The service encourages visitors to stay longer and assists with accommodation and tour bookings.

Service performance 2022-23

- ✔ 37.2K face to face enquiries.
- ✔ 7.8K phone or email enquiries.
- ✔ 2,052 hours open to the public.
- ✔ Cruise Ship Information Trailer provided.
- ✔ \$190K BookEasy reservations.
- ✔ Silver in the 2023 GWN7 Top Tourism Town Awards.
- ✔ The Visit Geraldton Booklet 2022-2023 was circulated across the State, promoting local experiences and attractions
- ✔ Visitors through the Wildflower season were kept informed with regular "Where the Wildflowers Are" updates sourced from Mullewa
- ✔ City staff participated in the filming of the "Return to Cruise" promotion
- ✔ Mullewa Drive Trail map was revised and reprinted due to popular demand
- ✔ More than 33,000 visits to the Visit Geraldton website

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Description

This service focuses on expanding the size of our economy so greater wealth flows into our local community in accordance with the City's Geraldton Jobs and Growth Plan 2020-2023.

Service performance 2022-23

- ✔ Delivery of the Buy Local Greater Geraldton Gift Card Program with more than 4,000 cards purchased to the value of \$382,751 and total redemption value over \$275,000.
- ✔ Concierge services for investment and trade inquiries including liaison with community and business inquiries as they arise and follows a no closed-door policy to assisting with queries.
- ✔ Rocks Laneway Activation including:
 - A total of 108 regular and one-off activations delivered with approximately 7,877 attendees in total.
 - Hosted five catch-up sessions with city centre retailers.
 - City Centre Happenings app listings for City Centre Events: www.citycentrehappenings.com.au
 - Over 10,000 social media impressions over Euphorium, City and Visit Geraldton Facebook accounts.
- ✔ Coordination of the Beam e-scooter trail which has included 145,630 trips and over 366,000kms travelled since being introduced in September 2022.
- ✔ Liaison with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade regarding existing foreign relations which are listed in the Public Register of the Australian Foreign Arrangements Scheme.

GERALDTON AIRPORT SERVICES

Description

This service undertakes the planning, development, operation and maintenance of the Geraldton Airport as a commercial airport for regular public transport and charter airline services, general aviation operations and support services, RAAF flight operations, local and itinerant recreational aviation and Royal Flying Doctor Service operations.

Service performance 2022-23

- ✔ Unsealed Runway 08/26 re-profiled and new surface applied.
- ✔ Coordinated the RAAF Birthday celebration including an Airside Display.
- ✔ Completed installation of Security Screening Body Scanner.
- ✔ Waived car parking fees for the full financial year.
- ✔ Provided rental relief to airport commercial tenants.
- ✔ Provided support to maintain the airline schedule.
- ✔ Re-wrote the Aerodrome Manual to comply with CASA New Manual of Standards.
- ✔ Actively negotiated and supported the introduction of a new airline and new routes.
- ✔ Continued marketing Geraldton Airport as an International Airline Alternate.
- ✔ Initiated airport tree replacement program.
- ✔ Secured funding for rejuvenation of Runway 14/32.
- ✔ Initiated Airport Master Plan update.
- ✔ Refreshed the airport lounge with new café style seating and flooring.
- ✔ Completed a review of the Airport Transport Security Program.
- ✔ Updated the Airport Safety Management System.

LAND, FACILITIES AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT SERVICE

Description

This combined team manages City owned land and building assets and oversees the care and control of the crown land holdings.

The Land and Property Management team;

- facilitates the acquisition and disposal of the City's land and building assets;
- arranges leasing to commercial, sporting and community groups; and
- oversees the delivery of land subdivision developments, and subsequent land sales or leases.

The Facilities Management team oversees;

- the City's building service contracts including trades, cleaning, and security to deliver programmed maintenance;
- daily operational maintenance to all City owned building assets; and
- delivers the City's building capital works renewal program.

Service performance 2022-23

- ✔ Sale of three vacant land parcels
- ✔ Facilitated statutory compliance on all leases, licences, land interest requirements
- ✔ Management of 200+ building assets including heritage buildings
- ✔ Implemented the Land Asset Disposal Program
- ✔ Implemented the Capex and Renewal Program

OUR LEADERSHIP



FLEET SERVICES

Description

This service maintains, services, renews and manages the City's fleet of vehicles, major and minor plant and equipment. It also maintains and services the City's Volunteer Bushfire Brigades' vehicles and trailers. The service manages the City stores and maintains the buildings at the Geraldton Depot site.

Service performance 2022-23

- ✔ Completed annual servicing, repairs and maintenance 11 bushfire brigade vehicles twice per year.
- ✔ 82 light vehicles.
- ✔ Seven SES vehicles/trailers.
- ✔ 72 heavy plant.
- ✔ 487 items managed by Fleet.

TOWN PLANNING

Description

The service is responsible for processing scheme amendments, structure plans, development and subdivision applications in accordance with the Planning and Development Act 2005. It also develops and reviews the local planning scheme, strategy and policies ensuring compliance with the planning legislation and represents the City on related legal matters. The service is also responsible for maintaining the City's heritage list and often engages in high-level advocacy with State Government and other agencies in the development of studies, plans and policies for the Greater Geraldton region.

Service performance 2022-23

- ✔ Provision of planning advice to the development industry.
- ✔ Oversaw 694 heritage listed sites.
- ✔ 265 development applications received.
- ✔ \$65.4M development applications value.

PLANNING AND DESIGN

Description

This service investigates, plans and designs roads, intersections, footpaths, cycle paths, carparks and stormwater drainage to ensure they are practical, viable, cost effective and sustainable. It also provides technical advice to maximise the lifespan of City assets and ensure they continue to meet current standards. It assesses development applications to ensure existing assets are protected, public health and safety is maintained and planned roads, parking, stormwater drainage and driveway crossovers meet standards, are compliant and appropriate.

Service performance 2022-23

- ✔ A site services investigation was conducted on Lot 3142 Wilcock Drive for a potential future Caravan and Holiday Park.
- ✔ Four Regional Road Group road projects were designed to help maintain road assets used by the commodity and grain industries.
- ✔ The designs for the new Transfer Station and the site-wide power upgrade to the Meru facility were completed.
- ✔ The design for the Spalding Precinct Plan was completed.
- ✔ Design of the Chapman Road and Glenfield Beach Drive Shared Paths – a Department of Transport funded initiative.
- ✔ Responded to approximately 350 internal and external engineering queries, crossover applications, and development applications during the course of the year.
- ✔ Designed the Rovers carpark, the Derna Parade footpath and the Elphick Street footpath.
- ✔ Designed the Maitland Cathedral Roundabout, Moonyanooka/Narngulu intersection, and Geraldton Airport traffic circulation upgrades.

PROJECT DELIVERY

Description

This service is primarily responsible for the delivery of the City's annual New Capital and Renewals Programs. It provides project management, contract management and project supervision services to ensure all projects are delivered on time, within allocated budget and comply with statutory and regulatory requirements.

Service performance 2022-23

- ✔ Construction work on the Aquarena 50m Outdoor Pool restarted after the repair methodology for the storm damaged pool shell was resolved.
- ✔ The Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Phase 3 Culvert Renewals on Nubberoo Road, Giles Road and Chapman Valley Road were successfully delivered.
- ✔ Phase 2 of the Department of Transport funded Sunset Beach Sandbag Groynes project was completed.
- ✔ Work on the Spalding Regional Renewal Project commenced and good progress has been made. The project is funded by the Department of Communities and Lotterywest.
- ✔ Construction work has begun on the new Transfer Station at Meru, a project partially funded by the Building Better Regions Fund.
- ✔ A new toilet block was built out at the Greenough Pioneer Museum.
- ✔ A new carpark was constructed adjacent to the new basketball stadium in Wonthella.
- ✔ Work started on the new Department of Transport shared footpath along Chapman Road between Sunset Beach and Glenfield Beach.
- ✔ Four Regional Road Group funded road renewal projects were successfully completed during the year.
- ✔ Construction commenced on the new Manager's House for Mullewa.
- ✔ The offices at the Aquarena were refurbished.
- ✔ A total of 45 Road Renewal projects were delivered during the year.
- ✔ A total of 9 footpath projects were delivered during the year.
- ✔ A total of 67 Renewal and 24 New Capital projects were actioned in the year. Four projects were deferred to next financial year.

BUILDING SURVEYING

Description

This service is primarily responsible for applying and administering the City's legal obligations under the Building Act 2011, which includes the processing of building permits and routinely inspecting private swimming pools. The service also offers a private certifying service to other local governments and the general public. It responds to general enquiries where required, ensures compliance with the building legislation and represents the City on related legal matters.

Service performance 2022-23

- ✔ The City received 702 applications with an estimated value of \$90.9m.
- ✔ Processed 990 building applications.
- ✔ The City's Building Surveying team currently support eight external Shires providing Building Surveying services acting on their behalf, drafting building permits and providing certification services for Class 1 and 10 buildings.
- ✔ 1017 building applications received in total with 315 from external shires.
- ✔ \$90.9m building applications value and \$90.1m for combined external shires.
- ✔ The City conducted 600 pool barrier inspections.

COMMUNICATIONS AND TOURISM

Description

This service develops and delivers all aspects of communications including media, marketing, advertising, social media, websites, online platforms and graphic design. It ensures the community is kept informed in a timely and effective manner on important issues, news and opportunities. This service utilises a large number both traditional and modern platforms to engage and inform the community and ensures information is open, transparent and readily available at all times. The team also coordinates tourism efforts including destination marketing and cruise ship coordination with Mid West Ports.

Service performance 2022-23

- ✔ Developed award-winning submission for the 2023 GWN7 Top Tourism Town Awards where Geraldton secured silver.
- ✔ Communications campaign for the 2023/24 Budget and Rates.
- ✔ Various tourism marketing efforts across a number of channels including campaigns for destination marketing and wildflowers.
- ✔ Continued to work with Mid West Ports for coordination of Cruise Ship visits which saw 11 visits by 7 ships.
- ✔ Working with Tourism WA and Australia's Coral Coast to align destination marketing efforts.
- ✔ Coordination with Midwest Development Commission and Tourism Geraldton Midwest for regional industry tourism efforts.
- ✔ More than 900 graphic design jobs.
- ✔ 1.28 million page views across all websites.
- ✔ 622k City website hits.
- ✔ 1156 Facebook posts.
- ✔ 259 Instagram posts.
- ✔ 117 Media releases.
- ✔ 190 Community Service Announcements.
- ✔ 258 Media enquiries.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Description

This service works closely with all departments to identify opportunities where the community can provide feedback, input and ideas on the design, delivery and evaluation of City programs, projects and services. It ensures the engagement process is consensus seeking, is inclusive and transparent, and that engagement outcomes inform Council decision-making processes.

Service performance 2022-23

- ✔ Facilitated the delivery of a series of workshops to develop draft designs for the Spalding Urban Renewal Project and the rehabilitation of the Hillview Drive-Seacrest Reserve.
- ✔ Designed and delivered extensive information campaigns regarding the upgrade of GRAG Park, the Chapman Road Activation Trial and the transformation of Railway Street into a Safe Active Street.
- ✔ Facilitated stakeholder engagement to develop the Maitland Park Transport Hub Concept Masterplan.
- ✔ Undertook the Drummond Cove Coastal Recreation Survey.
- ✔ Undertook the Chapman Road Shared Path Alignment survey and Drop-In Information Session.
- ✔ Undertook the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan surveys.
- ✔ Surveys conducted: 12
- ✔ FAQs/Information sheets developed: 7
- ✔ Drop-In Sessions/Workshops held: 13

CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE

Description

The Customer Experience Team is the first point of contact for many of the enquiries coming into the City and provides face-to-face service at the City's Civic Centre and a multi-channel contact centre that incorporates email, telephone, web chat, and social media channels. The team also process a range of payments including urban and regional development applications, animal registrations, theatre tickets, infringements, and rates. To improve the management of customer enquiries, the City upgraded the software our Contact Centre uses as outlined in our Customer Experience Strategy 2021 - 2025.

After setting the standard for success in a National Benchmarking Report in the 2021-2022 financial year and ranking first nationally for first contact resolution for a regional Council (86%) and lowest web chat wait time (8 seconds), the team continued to deliver high quality service in 2022-2023.

Service performance 2022-23

- ✔ 85% first call resolution.*
- ✔ 25.8K phone calls.
- ✔ 15.5K face-to-face visitors.
- ✔ 458 web chats.
- ✔ 6692 service/works requests raised organisation-wide.

**First call resolution is the Customer Experience Contact Centre's primary KPI to determine success and measures the percentage of customer enquiries resolved in a single contact.*

CORPORATE COMPLIANCE AND SAFETY

Description

The service provides organisational support and oversight of the City's compliance management plan, procurement framework, safety management system, business continuity management plans, risk management framework, Council elections, legal services, Freedom of Information and Public Interest Disclosure facilitation and insurance portfolio.

Service performance 2022-23

- ✔ Representation review – reduce number of offices of council.
- ✔ Local Government Amendment Act 2023 – Reform of the Local Government Act 1995 phase 1 implementation.
- ✔ Develop Behaviour Complaints Management Framework.
- ✔ Implementation of external audit review of the City's procurement arrangements.
- ✔ Establishment of procurement management approval arrangements with accompanying Exemptions Register.
- ✔ Establishment of the City's Work Health & Safety Implementation Plan 2023 – 2024.
- ✔ FOI decisions completed – 13.
- ✔ Centralise oversight of 121 corporate supply contracts.
- ✔ 24 requests for tender, 289 requests for quote.
- ✔ 272 safety incidents reported and actioned.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Description

The service facilitates and optimises all stages of the employee lifecycle to effectively support the organisation to achieve its goals and objectives. This includes the provision of recruitment, induction, remuneration, industrial relations, performance management, counselling, training and development services. It also coordinates organisational development activities including the development, implementation and monitoring of management systems, policies and procedures and legislative requirements

Service performance 2022-23

- ✔ The ongoing recruitment, selection, on boarding and induction of new employees.
- ✔ Employee engagement and organisational wellbeing.
- ✔ Employee and industrial relations, Enterprise Agreement maintenance and negotiations.
- ✔ Implemented actions aligning to the four high-level people themes within the Strategic Workforce Plan.
- ✔ Implemented employee wellness initiatives and the four high-level wellness themes within the City Wellness Plan 2021-2025.
- ✔ Implemented actions and strategies within the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Management Plan 2021-2025.
- ✔ Management of workers compensation claims, injury management and return to work programs.
- ✔ The ongoing management of volunteer programs across a number of business units.
- ✔ 294 City full-time employees.
- ✔ 1.4% of people with disability.
- ✔ 6.3% Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
- ✔ 9.8% Culturally and linguistically diverse people.

INFORMATION COMMUNICATION AND TECHNOLOGY

Description

This service provides, maintains and operates the architecture, hardware, software and data networks including computing, telecommunications, business information systems, data and technical support.

This service ensures the confidentiality, integrity and availability of information, communication and technology assets and resources.

Service performance 2022-23

- ✔ Adopted Cybersecurity Strategy 2023-2027.
- ✔ Adopted ICT Digital Strategy 2023-2027.
- ✔ Continued improvements to the governance of Enterprise IT.
- ✔ 1,900+ ICT assets actively managed.
- ✔ 3,300+ Requests for ICT support actioned.

INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

Description

This service captures and maintains official records in accordance with the Recordkeeping Plan, which is prepared in accordance with the State Records Act and adopted by Council. It also ensures the confidentiality, integrity and availability of records.

Service performance 2022-23

- ✔ 176,256 total records registered into TRIM.
- ✔ 34,387 incoming emails to council@cgg.wa.gov.au.
- ✔ 13,123 hardcopy incoming mail.
- ✔ 21,264 total incoming mail.
- ✔ 389 Electronic Containers disposed.
- ✔ Hardcopies disposed "Documents with volumes equalling":
 - Airport Depot 14 x boxes and 240l bin
 - Civic Centre 2 x pallets and 2 x 240l bins

TREASURY AND FINANCE

Description

The Treasury and Finance branch at the City oversees collection of all money owing to the City, authorisation of incurring of liabilities and making of payments, accounting for assets and liabilities, payroll, stock control, statutory reporting, facilitation of internal and external audits and the preparation of budgets, budget reviews and reporting to Council.

The Local Government Act 1995 and associated regulations provide the framework for the administration and financial management of local government.

Service performance 2022-23

- ✔ Review of the Long Term Financial Plan finalised and adopted by Council.
- ✔ Prepared the 2023-24 Annual Budget, which was adopted by Council at June Ordinary Meeting.
- ✔ The 2022-23 Annual Financial Report preparation has commenced, with the onsite audit being conducted in October 2023.
- ✔ 2021-25 Strategic Internal Audit Plan actions implemented including audits of Fraud and Corruption Control Plan and Cyber Security.
- ✔ Provided services to the organisation including payroll, accounts payable and receivable, taxation, asset accounting and financial reporting.
- ✔ Managed property rating function for 20,632 rateable properties.
- ✔ \$50.1M rate revenue.
- ✔ 1,562 property sales enquiries.
- ✔ \$24M grant funding management

IBIS

Description

The vision of the IBIS project is simple: to improve the CGG experience. The experience of employees working for the City, the experience of our community as customers and the experience other stakeholders have interacting with the City (e.g. suppliers). We will achieve this by aligning people, processes and system. The priority action is to replace the legacy ERP system. This transformative project will enable the City to be positioned as a leading WA local government.

The key project objectives are to:

- Achieve strategic alignment
- Improve customer service
- Streamline processes
- Establish an accessible and accurate single source of truth
- Implement effective system controls
- Introduce new functionality
- Enable improved insights

Service performance 2022-23

Phase 1 scoped delivered:

- ✔ System administration - Users, Profiles, Roles, Financial Delegations
- ✔ Supply Chain Management – Requisitions and Purchase Orders
- ✔ Human Resources & Payroll – Organisation Management, Workforce Management and Payroll
- ✔ Enterprise Content Management – Indexes and attachment management
- ✔ Financials – Accounts Payable, General Ledger, Reconciliations
- ✔ Associated forms and workflows

Phase 1 activities:

- ✔ Change Management training
- ✔ Implementation team training
- ✔ Configuration design workshops
- ✔ System configuration
- ✔ User acceptance testing
- ✔ User training
- ✔ Helpdesk

Phase 2 planning commenced

STRATEGIC PROJECTS 2023-24

SNAPSHOT

The below list provides a snapshot of the major projects and initiatives that the City plans to deliver (or commence) in 2023-2024:

**Includes funding from Federal/State Government*

All these projects and more, are included in the 2023-24 Budget where we are meeting the challenge of everyday living and rising costs in the economy. To view it, head to our website.



Commence development of a solar microgrid at the Geraldton Airport to help us achieve net zero emissions by 2030*

\$4.2M



Accessibility and inclusion improvements to the Queens Park Theatre

\$325K



Resheeting rural roads, upgrading urban roads and footpaths*

\$13.2M



Restorative works to the Francis Street boat ramps as well as the jetty for recreational fishing and water sports*

\$470K



Making our city centre vibrant with events and cruise ship welcome hubs

\$220K



Improving liveability in Mullewa with refurbishments to buildings, trails and more

\$1.8M



Enhancing open spaces with revegetation, playgrounds and irrigation

\$750K



Funding opportunities for your community group's projects, events and initiatives

\$500K



Maintaining sporting facilities including upgrades to the Doc Docherty Pool and Geraldton Aquarena

\$2.3M



COUNCILLORS



City of Greater Geraldton Council (from left to right):

Cr P Fiorenza	Term ended December 2021
Cr R D Hall	Term expires October 2023
Cr N Colliver	Term expires October 2025
Cr J Critch	Term expires October 2025
Cr M Librizzi	Term expires October 2025
Cr J Clune (Deputy Mayor)	Term expires October 2025
Mayor S Van Styn (Mayor)	Term expires October 2023
Cr S Keemink	Term expires October 2023
Cr M Reymond	Term expires October 2023
Cr T Thomas	Term expires October 2023
Cr V Tanti	Term expires October 2025
Cr S Cooper	Term expires October 2025
Cr K Parker	Term expires October 2023

MEETING ATTENDANCE

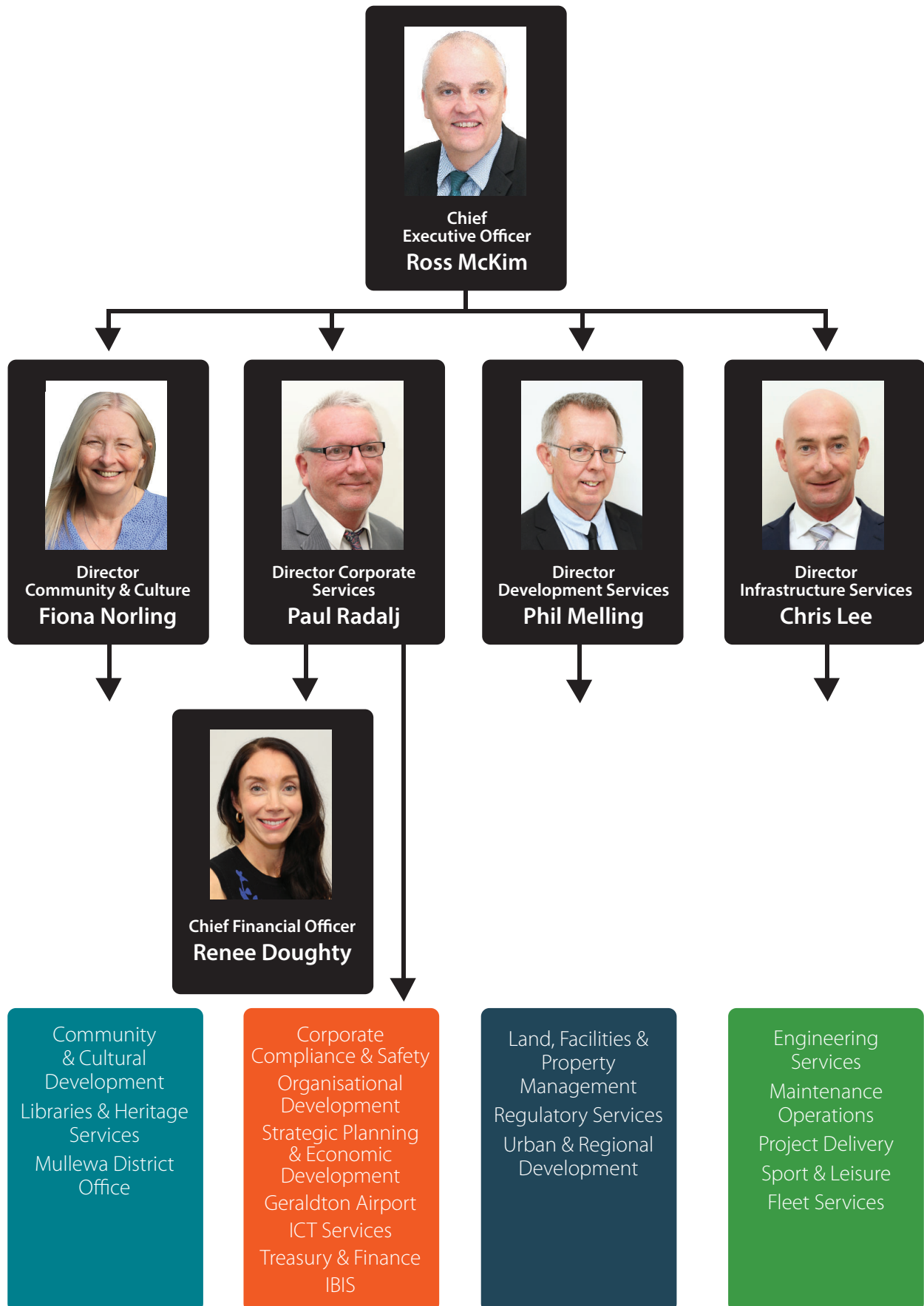
Councillor	Last Appointed	Term Expires/Expired	Council Meetings Attended	Agenda Forums Attended	Concept Forums Attended	Special Council Meetings	Annual Meeting of Electors	SPECIAL Electors Meeting	Committee Meetings
Mayor S Van Styn	2019	2023	12	12	9	0	1	0	5
Cr J Clune (Deputy Mayor 2021-2023)	2021	2025	12	12	9	0	1	0	12
Cr N Colliver	2021	2025	12	12	9	0	0	0	14
Cr S Cooper	2021	2025	11	11	8	0	1	0	5
Cr J Critch	2021	2025	12	10	8	0	1	0	7
Cr R D Hall	2019	2023	8	11	9	0	1	0	9
Cr S Keemink	2019	2023	12	10	9	0	1	0	3
Cr M Librizzi	2021	2025	11	11	8	0	1	0	4
Cr K Parker	2019	2023	10	11	9	0	1	0	7
Cr M Reymond	2021	2023	12	11	9	0	1	0	15
Cr V Tantil	2021	2025	11	11	9	0	1	0	6
Cr T Thomas	2019	2023	10	10	10	0	0	0	6

Between 1 July 2022 and 30 June 2023 the City held the following meetings:

12 Ordinary Meeting of Council, 12 Agenda Forums, 10 Concept Forums and 0 Special Concept Forums, 1 Annual Meeting of Electors and 7 Council Committee Meetings and 0 Special Meeting of Electors.

Note: Committee Meeting attendance does not include External Committees, Boards or Groups where the Mayor/Councillors are members.

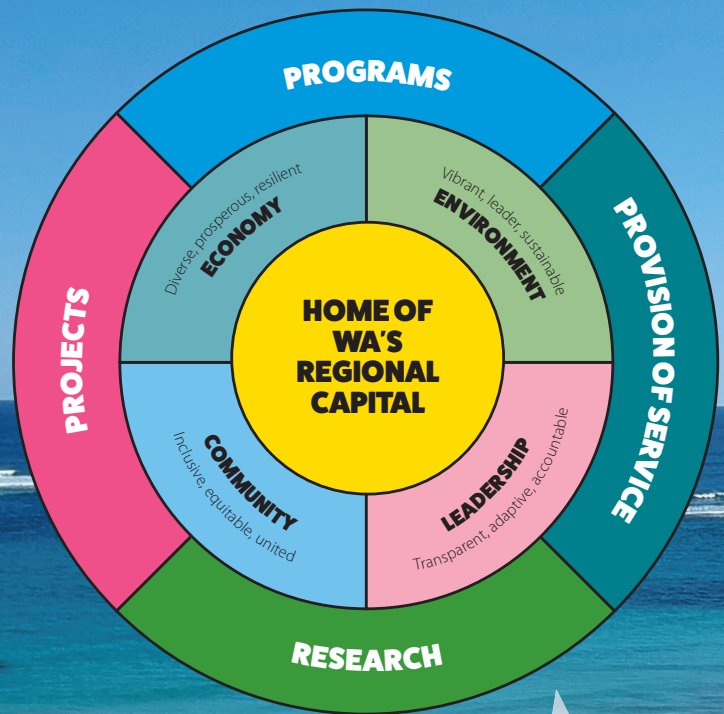
ORGANISATION STRUCTURE



OUR VISION

HOME OF WA'S REGIONAL CAPITAL

It is 2031, Greater Geraldton is the home of the regional capital city in Western Australia. Vibrant public places and spaces support our enviable lifestyle. We will be a recognised leader in the protection of our natural environment and our people will thrive and prosper. We will celebrate our cultural heritage and history. We support business growth through industry diversification, education and employment opportunities. As an inclusive community, we will strive for equal rights and access for all. We will face challenges by working together in unity with integrity and creativity. We will achieve this on the foundation of open and collaborative leadership.



Explaining this diagram:

The centre of this diagram represents the vision we are working towards. Wrapped around that are the four Focus Areas developed in consultation with our community that will help us achieve that vision. Each focus area has the values our community said were important to them. The outer circle highlights the four methods the City of Greater Geraldton has to deliver on the vision.

OUR ROLE



LEADER



PROVIDER



COLLABORATER



PLANNER



CAPACITY BUILDER



ADVOCATE

STATUTORY REPORTS

RECORDKEEPING

The City's continued commitment to recordkeeping, in accordance with legislative requirements, facilitates a structured approach to recordkeeping through the use of a corporate system. In addition, the City's Recordkeeping Policy outlines the process for management and disposal of records in accordance with the State Records Act 2000.

The City's Recordkeeping Plan was reviewed and the City's future focus is on digitisation and paper reduction.

The City continued its efforts toward best practice in the area of electronic record keeping with 176,256 corporate records registered. This represents a 10.7% increase from the previous year.

TOTAL RECORDS	176,256
Incoming emails (council@cgg.wa.gov.au)	34,387
Hardcopy incoming mail	13,123

New employees were informed of their recordkeeping responsibilities as part of the City's Induction Program, with hands on training provided on TRIM and recordkeeping.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

The City complies with the Freedom of Information Act 1992 which has as its objectives, to:

- Enable the public to participate more effectively in governing the state; and
- Make the persons and bodies that are responsible for State and Local Government more accountable to the public.

The Coordinator Governance is the City's Freedom of Information Officer. Any formal application for information that is not already publicly available at the City may be made through the Freedom of Information Officer.

During 2022-23 the City processed a total of 13 Freedom of Information applications, with an average of 21 days to complete each application. The 13 applications were completed within the legislative timeframe of 45 days

NATIONAL COMPETITION POLICY

In 1995 the Council of Australian Governments entered into a number of agreements, collectively known as the National Competition Policy.

Local government is affected mainly where it operates significant business activities which compete, or could compete, with private sector businesses. Local government will also be affected where local laws unnecessarily affect competition.

The City is required to comply with certain policies contained within the National Competition Policy Statement and report on progress in connection with Competitive Neutrality Principles and review of Local Laws.

COMPETITIVE NEUTRALITY

It is the City's responsibility to determine whether it is engaged in "significant business activities" within the context of its operations and therefore whether it is required to apply the competitive neutrality principles. Local government is only required to implement the above principles to the extent that the benefits to be realised from implementation outweigh the costs in respect of individual business activities exceeding an annual income of \$500,000. Within these criteria the City identified the following business activities:

- Geraldton Airport;
- Geraldton Aquarena;
- Meru Landfill

No competitive advantage was identified in the City's operations of the above business activities. The City continues to monitor Council Policies and Local Laws for anti-competitive practices.

COMPLAINTS REGISTER

The City, in accordance with s5.120 of the Local Government Act 1995, does not have a designated Complaints Officer and the Chief Executive Officer fulfils this role in terms of subsection (2).

As required in accordance with s5.121 'Register of certain complaints of minor breaches' of the Act, the City maintains an electronic register that is managed by the Executive Office.

The City reports no complaints that have resulted in a finding under section 5.110(2)(a) that a minor breach has occurred, for the period ending 30 June 2023.

EMPLOYEE SALARIES

Set out below, in bands of \$10,000, is the number of employees of the City of Greater Geraldton entitled to an annual salary of \$130,000 or more.

SALARY BAND		NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES
\$ From	\$ To	2022-23
\$130,000	\$139,999	2
\$140,000	\$149,999	6
\$150,000	\$159,999	3
\$160,000	\$169,999	1
\$200,000	\$209,999	2
\$210,000	\$219,999	2
\$250,000	\$259,999	1

FEES, EXPENSES OR ALLOWANCES PAID TO ELECTED MEMBERS 2022-23

Elected Member	2023 Actual	2023 Budget	2022 Actual
Shane Van Styn			
Mayor's annual allowance	85,800	85,800	78,000
Meeting attendance fees	48,704	48,704	39,000
Annual allowance for ICT	-	-	3,500
Travel and accommodation	-	2,100	1,100
Training	-	-	-
Conference Expenses	3,867	-	449
Other Expenses	-	4,000	-
Total	138,371	142,604	122,049

Tarleah Thomas			
Meeting attendance fees	32,470	32,470	27,000
Annual allowance for ICT	-	-	3,500
Travel and accommodation	5,179	4,800	5,508
Training	-	-	-
Conference Expenses	-	-	1,912
Other Expenses	-	2,300	-
Total	37,649	39,570	37,920

Natasha Colliver			
Meeting attendance fees	32,470	32,470	27,000
Annual allowance for ICT	-	-	3,500
Travel and accommodation	-	100	-
Training	-	-	-
Conference Expenses	-	-	-
Other Expenses	-	2,300	-
Total	32,470	34,870	30,500

Jennifer Critch			
Meeting attendance fees	32,470	32,470	27,000
Annual allowance for ICT	-	-	3,500
Travel and accommodation	-	4,800	-
Training	1,830	-	-
Conference Expenses	77	-	1,791
Other Expenses	-	2,300	-
Total	34,377	39,570	32,291

Jerry Clune			
Deputy Mayor's annual allowance	21,450	21,450	13,786
Meeting attendance fees	32,470	32,470	27,000
Annual allowance for ICT	-	-	3,500
Travel and accommodation	1,273	5,000	-
Training	3,401	-	-
Conference Expenses	2,375	-	-
Other Expenses	-	3,000	-
Total	60,969	61,920	44,286

Kim Parker			
Meeting attendance fees	32,470	32,470	27,000
Annual allowance for ICT	-	-	3,500
Travel and accommodation	-	100	-
Training	-	-	-
Conference Expenses	-	-	-
Other Expenses	-	2,300	-
Total	32,470	34,870	30,500

Elected Member	2023 Actual	2023 Budget	2022 Actual
Robert Hall			
Meeting attendance fees	32,470	32,470	27,000
Annual allowance for ICT	-	-	3,500
Travel and accommodation	-	100	-
Training	-	-	-
Conference Expenses	-	-	1,791
Other Expenses	-	2,300	-
Total	32,470	34,870	32,291

Simon Keemink			
Meeting attendance fees	32,470	32,470	27,000
Annual allowance for ICT	-	-	3,500
Travel and accommodation	-	100	-
Training	-	-	-
Conference Expenses	-	-	-
Other Expenses	-	2,300	-
Total	32,470	34,870	30,500

Victor Tanti			
Meeting attendance fees	32,470	32,470	27,000
Annual allowance for ICT	-	-	3,500
Travel and accommodation	-	100	644
Training	-	-	2,205
Conference Expenses	-	-	-
Other Expenses	-	2,300	-
Total	32,470	34,870	33,349

Michael Reymond			
Meeting attendance fees	32,470	32,470	19,089
Annual allowance for ICT	-	-	2,474
Travel and accommodation	32	100	-
Training	936	-	13,829
Conference Expenses	1,672	-	-
Other Expenses	-	2,300	-
Total	35,110	34,870	35,392

Steve Cooper			
Meeting attendance fees	32,470	32,470	19,089
Annual allowance for ICT	-	-	2,474
Travel and accommodation	-	100	150
Training	-	-	1,563
Conference Expenses	-	-	-
Other Expenses	-	2,300	-
Total	32,470	34,870	23,276

Michael Librizzi			
Meeting attendance fees	32,470	32,470	19,089
Annual allowance for ICT	-	-	2,474
Travel and accommodation	-	100	718
Training	-	-	3,914
Conference Expenses	-	-	-
Other Expenses	-	2,300	-
Total	32,470	34,870	26,195

Totals			
Mayor's annual allowance	85,800	85,800	78,000
Deputy Mayor's annual allowance	21,450	21,450	19,500
Meeting attendance fees	405,874	405,874	348,194
Annual allowance for ICT	-	-	43,581
Travel and accommodation	6,484	17,500	8,120
Training	6,167	-	21,511
Conference Expenses	7,992	-	5,944
Other Expenses	-	30,000	-
Total	533,767	560,624	524,850

FINANCIAL SUMMARY 2022-23



TOTAL ASSETS

2021/2022	2022/2023
\$924,983,925	\$975,093,066



OPERATING SURPLUS/DEFICIT

2021/2022	2022/2023
\$3,576,130	\$6,176,269



TOTAL LIABILITIES

2021/2022	2022/2023
\$56,877,749	\$59,043,690



NON-OPERATING REVENUE

2021/2022	2022/2023
\$7,652,178	\$10,132,484



EQUITY/NET ASSETS

2021/2022	2022/2023
\$868,106,176	\$916,049,376



CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

2021/2022	2022/2023
\$28,540,688	\$28,830,097



OPERATING REVENUE

2021/2022	2022/2023
\$85,724,275	\$92,364,948



CASH BACKED RESERVES

2021/2022	2022/2023
\$39,276,435	\$51,755,828



OPERATING EXPENDITURE

2021/2022	2022/2023
\$82,148,145	\$86,188,679



FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE











Revenue:

Operating Revenue generated for 2022-23 was \$92.3m. The operating revenue included an advance payment of the City's 2023-24 Federal Assistance Grants. Operating revenue was \$7.1m over budget and \$6.6m more than the prior year.

Expenditure:

Operating Expenditure was \$86.7m an increase of \$1.7m compared to the previous year and \$330k less than budgeted.

Major areas of capital expenditure included:

		2021-22	2022-23
	AIRPORT	\$185K	\$86K
	CARPARKS	\$124K	\$714K
	DRAINAGE	\$475K	\$443K
	FOOTPATHS & CYCLEWAYS	\$1.86M	\$2.86M
	LAND & BUILDINGS	\$1.4M	\$1.7M
	MERU LANDFILL	\$98K	\$1.3M
	PARKS & GARDENS	\$3.1M	\$6.8M
	PLANT & EQUIPMENT	\$1.18M	\$1.9M
	ROADS	\$9.3M	\$8.73M
	LIGHTING		\$321K

Financial Position:

This financial year has seen ongoing supply chain issues, resource constraints and continuing inflationary pressures on goods and services. The early payment of the Financial Assistance Grants enabled the final operating result of \$6.17m.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS 2022-23

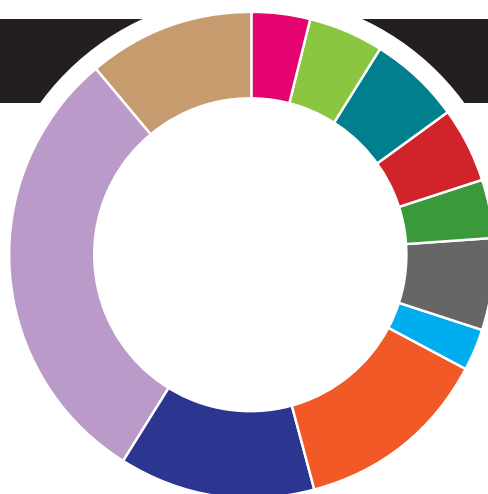
TOTAL REVENUE

Rates	54.5%
Grants, Subsidies and Contributions	15%
Fees and Charges	26.5%
Interest Revenue	3%
Other Revenue	1%



TOTAL EXPENDITURE

Library & Heritage Services	4%
Sport & Leisure	5%
Community & Cultural Development	6%
Airport	5%
Land, Facilities & Property Maintenance	4%
Regulatory Services - Health, Rangers, Emergency Management	6%
Urban & Regional Development - Building & Planning	3%
Climate, Environment & Waste	13%
Parks, Coastal and Natural Management	13%
Roads, Carparks, Pathways, Drainage & Street Lighting	30%
Other	11%





FINANCIALS



City of Greater Geraldton

FINANCIAL REPORT

for the year ended 30 June 2023



Serving today while building tomorrow



City of
Greater Geraldton
a vibrant future



Financial Report

for the year ended 30 June 2023

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Content Overview

- i) These financial statements are General Purpose Financial Statements and cover the consolidated operations.
- ii) All figures presented in these financial statements are presented in Australian Currency.
- iii) These financial statements were authorised for issue by the Council on 12 December 2023
- iv) Council has the power to amend and reissue the financial statements.



Financial Report

for the year ended 30 June 2023

Local Government Act 1995

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996

Statement by Chief Executive Officer

The accompanying financial report of the City of Greater Geraldton has been prepared in compliance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1995* from proper accounts and records to present fairly the financial transactions for the reporting period ended 30 June 2023 and the financial position as at 30 June 2023.

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

Signed on the 12th day of December 2023



Chief Executive Officer



Statement of Comprehensive Income

for the year ended 30 June 2023

	Note	2023 Actual \$	2023 Budget \$	2022 Actual \$
Revenue				
Rates	30,2a	50,145,028	50,329,885	47,900,551
Grants, subsidies and contributions	2a	14,093,880	8,936,279	13,372,243
Fees and charges	2a	24,336,509	23,785,039	23,217,306
Interest revenue	2a	2,692,693	1,018,942	849,658
Other revenue	2a	1,096,838	1,052,865	384,517
		<u>92,364,948</u>	<u>85,123,010</u>	<u>85,724,275</u>
Expenses				
Employee costs	2b	(29,753,773)	(30,460,011)	(28,913,674)
Materials and contracts	2b	(22,687,093)	(23,840,639)	(20,472,535)
Utility charges	2b	(2,818,619)	(2,738,657)	(2,941,667)
Depreciation	10a	(25,846,062)	(25,398,958)	(25,087,132)
Finance costs	2b	(1,050,184)	(825,487)	(954,428)
Insurance	2b	(934,654)	(975,377)	(835,631)
Other expenditure	2b	(3,098,294)	(2,783,524)	(2,943,078)
		<u>(86,188,679)</u>	<u>(87,022,653)</u>	<u>(82,148,145)</u>
Operating result from continuing operations				
		<u>6,176,269</u>	<u>(1,899,643)</u>	<u>3,576,130</u>
Capital grants, subsidies and contributions		10,132,484	12,792,443	7,652,178
Profit on asset disposals	10b	98,618	239,320	144,590
Loss on asset disposals	10b	(557,358)	(53,565)	(2,841,041)
Fair value adjustments to financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	2c	16,586	–	17,986
		<u>9,690,330</u>	<u>12,978,198</u>	<u>4,973,713</u>
Net result for the period				
	29b	<u>15,866,599</u>	<u>11,078,555</u>	<u>8,549,843</u>
Other comprehensive income for the period				
<i>Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss</i>				
Changes in asset revaluation surplus	19	32,076,601	68,922,550	(126,476)
Total other comprehensive income for the period	19	<u>32,076,601</u>	<u>68,922,550</u>	<u>(126,476)</u>
Total comprehensive income for the period				
		<u>47,943,200</u>	<u>80,001,105</u>	<u>8,423,367</u>

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



Statement of Financial Position

as at 30 June 2023

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	18,218,685	14,199,011
Trade and other receivables	5	8,447,633	6,866,965
Other financial assets	4a	38,719,933	38,533,261
Inventories	6	444,848	407,180
Contract assets		2,338,083	307,298
Assets classified as held for sale	7	–	7,446,159
Total current assets		68,169,182	67,759,874
Non-current assets			
Trade and other receivables	5	600,600	611,641
Other financial assets	4b	11,561,234	6,592,457
Property, plant and equipment	8	195,777,310	164,969,696
Infrastructure	9	698,771,391	684,793,868
Right of use assets	11a	53,889	96,929
Intangible assets	12	159,460	159,460
Total non-current assets		906,923,884	857,224,051
Total assets		975,093,066	924,983,925
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	14	16,775,986	14,937,585
Other liabilities	15	2,650,060	1,808,316
Lease liabilities	11b	47,974	45,124
Borrowings	16	3,696,812	4,275,466
Employee related provisions	17	5,806,558	5,583,469
Total current liabilities		28,977,390	26,649,960
Non-current liabilities			
Lease liabilities	11b	8,285	56,259
Borrowings	16	16,463,815	20,160,636
Employee related provisions	17	314,866	331,526
Other provisions	18	13,279,334	9,679,368
Total non-current liabilities		30,066,300	30,227,789
Total liabilities		59,043,690	56,877,749
Net assets		916,049,376	868,106,176
Equity			
Retained surplus		349,956,228	346,569,022
Reserve accounts	33	51,755,828	39,276,435
Revaluation surplus	19	514,337,320	482,260,719
Total equity		916,049,376	868,106,176

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



Statement of Changes in Equity

for the year ended 30 June 2023

	Note	Retained Surplus \$	Reserve Accounts \$	Revaluation Surplus \$	Total Equity \$
Balance as at 1 July 2021		344,453,382	32,842,232	482,387,195	859,682,809
Comprehensive income for the period					
Net result for the period		8,549,843	–	–	8,549,843
Other comprehensive income for the period					
Increase/(decrease) in asset revaluation surplus	19	–	–	(126,476)	(126,476)
Total comprehensive income for the period		8,549,843	–	(126,476)	8,423,367
Transfers from reserve accounts	33	6,203,780	(6,203,780)	–	–
Transfers to reserve accounts	33	(12,637,983)	12,637,983	–	–
Balance as at 30 June 2022		346,569,022	39,276,435	482,260,719	868,106,176
Balance as at 1 July 2022		346,569,022	39,276,435	482,260,719	868,106,176
Comprehensive income for the period					
Net result for the period		15,866,599	–	–	15,866,599
Other comprehensive income for the period					
Increase/(decrease) in asset revaluation surplus	19	–	–	32,076,601	32,076,601
Total comprehensive income for the period		15,866,599	–	32,076,601	47,943,200
Transfers from reserve accounts	33	11,045,294	(11,045,294)	–	–
Transfers to reserve accounts	33	(23,524,687)	23,524,687	–	–
Balance as at 30 June 2023		349,956,228	51,755,828	514,337,320	916,049,376

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



Statement of Cash Flows

for the year ended 30 June 2023

	Actual 2023 \$	Budget 2023 \$	Actual 2022 \$
Notes			
Cash flows from operating activities			
Receipts			
Rates	50,092,939	50,080,480	48,567,485
Operating grants, subsidies and contributions	12,904,839	9,276,300	13,779,799
Fees and charges	22,868,100	23,785,039	22,762,631
Interest revenue	2,692,693	1,016,626	750,381
Other revenue	1,096,838	1,002,800	384,517
Total receipts	89,655,409	85,161,245	86,244,813
Payments			
Employee costs	(29,547,344)	(30,415,448)	(28,087,343)
Materials and contracts	(21,618,282)	(22,919,642)	(19,513,780)
Utility charges	(2,818,619)	(2,738,657)	(2,941,667)
Finance costs	(806,047)	(852,890)	(976,654)
Insurance paid	(934,654)	(975,377)	(835,631)
Goods and services tax paid	(49,129)	–	(75,380)
Other expenditure	(2,343,358)	(2,783,524)	(2,943,080)
Total payments	(58,117,433)	(60,685,538)	(55,373,535)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	31,537,976	24,475,707	30,871,278
20b			
Cash flows from investing activities			
Payments			
Payments for financial assets at amortised cost	(5,160,233)	(5,650,000)	(24,971,167)
Payments for purchase of property, plant & equipment	(4,658,502)	(9,194,960)	(4,597,594)
Payments for construction of infrastructure	(24,171,595)	(28,401,032)	(23,943,094)
Town Planning Scheme and Development Contribution Plan Income	(100,000)	–	(600,000)
Unexpended Non-Operating Grants	–	–	(17,920)
Receipts			
Capital grants, subsidies and contributions	10,132,484	12,792,443	7,652,178
Proceeds from sale of property, plant & equipment	638,773	905,500	2,388,646
Proceeds from financial assets at amortised cost - term deposit	121,370	149,587	91,626
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(23,197,703)	(29,398,462)	(43,997,325)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Payments			
Repayment of borrowings	(4,275,475)	(4,303,692)	(4,628,932)
Payments for principal portion of lease liabilities	(45,124)	(45,124)	(42,443)
Receipts			
Proceeds from new borrowings	–	650,000	600,000
Net cash flow provided by (used in) financing activities	(4,320,599)	(3,698,816)	(4,071,375)
Net increase /(decrease) in cash held	4,019,674	(8,621,571)	(17,197,422)
Cash at beginning of year	14,199,011	31,626,602	31,396,433
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	18,218,685	23,005,031	14,199,011
3,20a			

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



Statement of Financial Activity

for the year ended 30 June 2023

	Note	2023 Actual \$	2023 Budget \$	2022 Actual \$
OPERATING ACTIVITIES				
Revenue from operating activities				
Rates	30	50,145,028	50,329,885	47,900,551
Grants, subsidies and contributions		14,093,880	8,936,279	13,372,243
Fees and charges		24,336,509	23,785,039	23,217,306
Interest revenue		2,692,693	1,018,942	849,658
Other revenue		1,096,838	1,052,865	384,517
Profit on asset disposals		98,618	239,320	144,590
Fair value adjustments to financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	4b	16,586	–	–
		92,480,152	85,362,330	85,868,865
Expenditure from operating activities				
Employee costs		(29,753,773)	(30,460,011)	(28,913,674)
Materials and contracts		(22,687,093)	(23,840,639)	(20,472,535)
Utility charges		(2,818,619)	(2,738,657)	(2,941,667)
Depreciation		(25,846,062)	(25,398,958)	(25,087,132)
Finance costs		(1,050,184)	(825,487)	(954,428)
Insurance		(934,654)	(975,377)	(835,631)
Other expenditure		(3,098,294)	(2,783,524)	(2,943,078)
Loss on asset disposals		(557,358)	(53,565)	(2,841,041)
		(86,746,037)	(87,076,218)	(84,989,186)
Adjustment for cash budget requirements:				
Non-cash amounts excluded from operating activities	31	26,553,584	25,173,620	27,759,302
Amount attributable to operating activities		32,287,699	23,459,732	28,638,981
INVESTING ACTIVITIES				
Inflows from investing activities				
Capital grants, subsidies and contributions		10,132,484	12,792,443	7,652,178
Proceeds from disposal of assets		638,773	905,500	2,388,646
Proceeds from financial assets at amortised cost - self supporting loans	32a	121,370	149,587	91,626
Proceeds from council loans		15,856	–	–
		10,908,483	13,847,530	10,132,450
Outflows from investing activities				
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	8a	(4,658,502)	(9,194,960)	(4,597,594)
Purchase and construction of infrastructure	9a	(24,171,595)	(28,401,032)	(23,943,094)
Advances to Community Groups		(100,000)	(650,000)	(600,000)
		(28,930,097)	(38,245,992)	(29,140,688)
Amount attributable to investing activities		(18,021,614)	(24,398,462)	(19,008,238)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES				
Inflows from financing activities				
Proceeds from borrowings	32a	–	650,000	600,000
Transfers from reserve accounts	33	11,045,294	4,353,725	6,203,783
		11,045,294	5,003,725	6,803,783
Outflows from financing activities				
Repayment of borrowings	32a	(4,275,475)	(4,303,684)	(4,628,932)
Payments for principal portion of lease liabilities	32d	(45,124)	(45,124)	(42,443)
Transfers to reserves (restricted assets)	33	(23,524,687)	(1,034,000)	(12,637,989)
		(27,845,286)	(5,382,808)	(17,309,364)
Amount attributable to financing activities		(16,799,992)	(379,083)	(10,505,581)
MOVEMENT IN SURPLUS OR DEFICIT				
Surplus or deficit at the start of the financial year	31	4,021,159	2,545,590	4,895,997
Amount attributable to operating activities		32,287,699	23,459,732	28,638,981
Amount attributable to investing activities		(18,021,614)	(24,398,462)	(19,008,238)

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	Note	2023 Actual \$	2023 Budget \$	2022 Actual \$
Amount attributable to financing activities		(16,799,992)	(379,083)	(10,505,581)
Surplus/(deficit) after imposition of general rates	31	1,487,252	1,227,777	4,021,159

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



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Note 1. Basis of preparation

The financial report of the City of Greater Geraldton, which is a class 1 Local Government, comprises general purpose financial statements which have been prepared in accordance with the Local Government Act 1995 and accompanying regulations.

Local Government Act 1995 requirements

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

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

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

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

The local government reporting entity

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

All monies held in the Trust Fund are excluded from the financial statements. A separate statement of those monies appears at Note 34 to these financial statements.

Initial application of accounting standards

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

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

- *AASB 2020-3 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards -Annual Improvements 2018-2020 and Other Amendments*
- *AASB 2020-6 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current – Deferral of Effective Date*
- *AASB 2021-7a Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards- Effective Date of Amendments to AASB 10 and AASB 128 and Editorial Corrections [general editorials*
- *AASB 2022-3 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards -Illustrative Examples for Not-for-Profit Entities accompanying AASB 15*

These amendments have no material impact on the current annual financial report.

New accounting standards for application in future years

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

- *AASB 2014-10 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards-Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture*
- *AASB 2020-1 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards -Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current*
- *AASB 2021-2 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards -Disclosure of Accounting Policies or Definition of Accounting Estimates*

This standard will result in a terminology change for significant accounting policies

- *AASB 2021-7c Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Effective Date of Amendments to AASB 10 and AASB 128 and Editorial Corrections [deferred AASB 10 and AASB 128 amendments in AASB 2014-10 apply*
- *AASB 2022-5 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards -Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback*
- *AASB 2022-6 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Non-current Liabilities with Covenants*
- *AASB 2022-7 Editorial Corrections to Australian Accounting Standards and Repeal of Superseded and Redundant Standards*
- *AASB 2022-10 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards -Fair Value Measurement of Non-Financial Assets of Not-for-Profit Public Sector Entities*

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Note 1. Basis of preparation (continued)

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

Except as described above these amendments are not expected to have any material impact on the financial report on initial application.

Judgements and estimates

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

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

The balances, transactions and disclosures impacted by accounting estimates are as follows:

- estimated fair value of certain financial assets
- impairment of financial assets
- estimation of fair values of land and buildings, infrastructure and investment property
- estimation uncertainties made in relation to lease accounting
- estimated useful life of intangible assets

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Note 2. Revenue and expenses

(a) Revenue

Contracts with customers

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

Revenue category	Nature of goods and services	When obligations typically satisfied	Payment terms	Returns/refunds/warranties	Timing of revenue recognition
Grants, subsidies or contributions	Community events, minor facilities, research, design, planning evaluation and services	Over time /Single point in time	Fixed terms transfer of funds based on agreed milestones and reporting	Contract obligation if project not complete	Output method based on project milestones and/or completion date matched to performance obligations
Fees and charges - licences, registrations, approvals	Building, planning, development and animal management.	Single point in time	Full payment prior to issue	None	On payment and issue of the licence, registration or approval
Fees and charges - waste management entry fees	Waste treatment, recycling and disposal service at disposal sites	Single point in time	Payment in advance at gate or on normal trading terms if credit provided	None	On entry to facility
Fees and charges - airport landing charges	Permission to use facilities and runway	Single point in time	Monthly in arrears	None	On landing/departure event
Fees and charges - sale of stock	Kiosk and visitor centre stock	Single point in time	Payment in full at point of sale	Refund for faulty goods	At point of sale
Other revenue - private works	Contracted private works	Single point in time	Monthly in arrears	None	At point of service

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

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Note 2. Revenue and expenses (continued)

(a) Revenue (continued)

Revenue Recognition

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

Nature	Contracts with customers	Capital grant/ contributions	Statutory Requirements	Other	Total
For the year ended 30 June 2023					
Rates	–	–	50,145,028	–	50,145,028
Grants, subsidies and contributions	14,093,880	–	–	–	14,093,880
Fees and charges	23,579,017	–	757,492	–	24,336,509
Interest revenue	–	–	–	2,692,693	2,692,693
Other revenue	–	–	–	1,096,838	1,096,838
Capital grants, subsidies and contributions	–	9,956,734	–	175,750	10,132,484
Total	37,672,897	9,956,734	50,902,520	3,965,281	102,497,432
For the year ended 30 June 2022					
Rates	–	–	47,900,551	–	47,900,551
Grants, subsidies and contributions	13,372,243	–	–	–	13,372,243
Fees and charges	22,590,633	–	626,673	–	23,217,306
Interest revenue	–	–	–	849,658	849,658
Other revenue	–	–	–	384,517	384,517
Capital grants, subsidies and contributions	–	7,652,178	–	–	7,652,178
Total	35,962,876	7,652,178	48,527,224	1,234,175	93,376,453
				2023	2022
				Actual	Actual
				\$	\$

Interest revenue

Interest on reserve account funds	1,127,046	226,939
Investments - other funds	1,137,621	209,137
Rate overdue interest	311,399	315,999
Rate instalment interest	100,993	90,689
Pensioner Deferred Interest	13,129	6,786
Other interest revenue	2,505	108
Total interest earnings	2,692,693	849,658

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Note 2. Revenue and expenses (continued)

(a) Revenue (continued)

	2023 Actual \$	2022 Actual \$
Other revenue		
Other revenue	1,096,838	384,517
	<u>1,096,838</u>	<u>384,517</u>

(b) Expenses

Employee costs

	2023 Actual \$	2022 Actual \$
Wages and salaries	20,143,774	19,254,156
Employee leave entitlements	5,265,487	5,402,114
Superannuation	3,604,627	3,554,711
Workers' compensation insurance	322,668	316,054
Protective clothing and uniforms	63,402	75,769
Recruitment costs	125,875	77,254
Training costs (other than salaries and wages)	140,750	148,955
Other employee costs	87,190	84,661
Total employee costs	<u>29,753,773</u>	<u>28,913,674</u>

Materials and contracts

Auditors remuneration

- Audit of the annual financial report	81,000	53,500
- Internal Audit	14,050	15,883

Other

Materials and contracts	22,569,286	20,403,152
Other	22,757	-
Total	<u>22,687,093</u>	<u>20,472,535</u>

Utility charges

Other	2,818,619	2,941,667
Total	<u>2,818,619</u>	<u>2,941,667</u>

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Note 2. Revenue and expenses (continued)

(b) Expenses (continued)

	Note	2023 Actual \$	2022 Actual \$
Finance costs			
Borrowings	32a	778,064	946,668
Leases	32d	4,970	7,760
Other - Meru Rehabilitation Provision		267,150	—
Total		1,050,184	954,428
Insurance			
Other		934,654	835,631
Total		934,654	835,631
Other expenditure			
Other		3,098,294	2,943,078
Total Other expenditure		3,098,294	2,943,078
(c) Other "Non Operating" result items			
Fair value adjustments to financial assets at fair value through profit or loss			
The revenue relates to the increase in the fair value of the Council's investments.		16,586	17,986
		16,586	17,986

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Note 3. Cash and cash equivalents

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
Cash - Unrestricted		9,886,853	2,770,274
Cash - Restricted		8,331,832	11,428,737
Total cash and cash equivalents	20a	18,218,685	14,199,011

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**Cash and cash equivalents**

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

Term deposits are presented as cash equivalents if they have a maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition and are repayable with 24 hours notice with no loss of interests. Bank overdrafts are reported as short term borrowings in current liabilities in the statement of financial position.

Restricted financial assets

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

Note 4. Other financial assets

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
(a) Current assets			
Financial assets at amortised cost		38,707,974	38,521,715
Financial assets previously classified as loans and receivables		11,959	11,546
Total current financial assets		38,719,933	38,533,261
Financial assets at amortised cost			
Term deposits		38,576,435	38,400,345
Self supporting loans		123,059	121,370
Other long term financial assets		8,480	–
		38,707,974	38,521,715
Financial assets previously classified as loans and receivables			
Mortgage backed securities		11,959	11,546
		11,959	11,546
Held as			
- Unrestricted other financial assets at amortised cost		2,664,106	7,682,906
- Restricted other financial assets at amortised cost	20a	36,055,827	30,850,355
Total		38,719,933	38,533,261

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Note 4. Other financial assets (continued)

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
(b) Non current assets			
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		366,703	350,117
Financial assets at amortised cost		11,184,393	6,220,048
Financial assets previously classified as loans and receivables		10,138	22,292
Total non-current financial assets		11,561,234	6,592,457
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss			
Units in Local Government House Trust		366,703	350,117
		366,703	350,117
Financial assets at amortised cost			
Self supporting loans receivable		646,989	770,048
Other long term financial assets		10,537,404	5,450,000
		11,184,393	6,220,048
Financial assets previously classified as loans and receivables			
Mortgage backed securities		10,138	22,292
		10,138	22,292
Held as			
- Unrestricted other financial assets at amortised cost		1,111,234	1,142,457
- Restricted other financial assets at amortised cost	20a	10,450,000	5,450,000
Total		11,561,234	6,592,457

Loans receivable from clubs/institutions have the same terms and conditions as the related borrowing disclosed in Note 32(a) as self supporting loans. Fair value of financial assets at fair value through profit and loss is determined from the net asset value of the units held in the Trust at balance date as compiled by WALGA.

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**Other financial assets at amortised cost**

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

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

Fair values of financial assets at amortised cost are not materially different to their carrying amounts, since the interest receivable on those assets is either close to current market rates or the assets are of a short term nature. Non-current financial assets at a mortised cost fair values are based on discounted cash flows using a current market rates. They are classified as level 2 fair values in the fair value hierachy (see Note 28 (i)) due to the observable market rates.

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

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

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

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

Impairment and risk

Information regarding impairment and exposure to risk can be found at Note 26.

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Note 5. Trade and other receivables

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Current		
Rates and statutory receivables	4,219,816	4,156,686
Sundry Debtors	1,388,422	1,655,981
GST receivable	442,333	393,204
Accrued Income	1,247,773	167,942
Prepayments	1,291,482	638,667
Less: provision for expected credit loss	(142,193)	(145,515)
	8,447,633	6,866,965
Non-current		
Pensioner's rates and ESL deferred	600,600	611,641
	600,600	611,641

Trade and other receivables include amounts due from ratepayers for unpaid rates and service charges and other amounts due from third parties for goods sold and services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade receivables are recognised at original invoice amount less any provision for expected credit loss amounts (i.e. impairment). The carrying amount of net trade receivables is equivalent to fair value as it is due for settlement within 30 days.

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**Rates and statutory receivables**

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

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

Trade and other receivables

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

Other Receivables

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

Measurement

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

Classification and subsequent measurement

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

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

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

Impairment and risk exposure

Information about the impairment of trade receivables and their exposure to credit risk and interest rate risk can be found in Note 26.

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Note 6. Inventories

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Current		
Fuel and materials	366,315	363,623
Resaleable Merchandise	78,533	43,557
Total current inventories	<u>444,848</u>	<u>407,180</u>

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

General

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

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

Note 7. Assets Classified as Held for Sale

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Non-current assets held for sale - current		
Land	–	7,446,159
Total Non-current assets held for sale - current	<u>–</u>	<u>7,446,159</u>

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Non-current assets held for sale

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

Non-current assets classified as held for sale are valued at the lower of the carrying amount and fair value less costs to sell.

The fair value of land and buildings was determined using the sales comparison approach using comparable properties in the area. This is a level 2 measurement as per the fair value hierarchy set out in Note 28(i).

Notes to the Financial Statements

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Note 8. Property, plant and equipment

(a) Movements in balances

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

Note	Land \$	Buildings \$	Total land and buildings \$	Furniture and equipment \$	Plant and equipment \$	Work in progress \$	Artwork \$	Total property, plant and equipment \$
Balance at 1 July 2021	59,875,000	104,079,999	163,954,999	1,400,962	9,057,635	–	813,609	175,227,205
Additions - Renewal	–	1,113,816	1,113,816	848,731	986,712	620,208	51,520	3,620,987
Additions - New	296,867	450,808	747,675	94,420	134,512	–	–	976,607
Disposals	(2,529,708)	(911,402)	(3,441,110)	(82,853)	(60,687)	–	(106,663)	(3,691,313)
Revaluation decrements transferred to revaluation surplus	19	–	(126,476)	–	–	–	–	(126,476)
Depreciation	10a	–	(2,151,408)	(462,613)	(1,103,069)	–	–	(3,717,090)
Depreciation on Disposal	–	11,785	11,785	82,852	31,298	–	–	125,935
Reclassifications between Asset Classes	(7,446,159)	–	(7,446,159)	–	–	–	–	(7,446,159)
Balance at 30 June 2022	50,196,000	102,467,122	152,663,122	1,881,499	9,046,401	620,208	758,466	164,969,696
Comprises:								
Gross balance amount at 30 June 2022	50,196,000	104,706,998	154,902,998	2,951,875	17,514,115	620,208	758,466	176,747,662
Accumulated depreciation at 30 June 2022	–	(2,139,625)	(2,139,625)	(1,070,376)	(8,467,714)	–	–	(11,677,715)
Accumulated impairment loss at 30 June 2022	–	(100,251)	(100,251)	–	–	–	–	(100,251)
Balance at 30 June 2022	50,196,000	102,467,122	152,663,122	1,881,499	9,046,401	620,208	758,466	164,969,696
Balance at 1 July 2022	50,196,000	102,467,120	152,663,120	1,881,499	9,046,403	620,208	758,466	164,969,696
Additions - Renewal	–	876,365	876,365	–	1,927,867	–	–	2,804,232
Additions - New	512,715	343,060	855,775	464,407	–	456,379	77,709	1,854,270
Disposals	(393,366)	(668,753)	(1,062,119)	–	(576,007)	–	–	(1,638,126)
Revaluation increments transferred to revaluation surplus	19	9,067,772	23,544,021	–	–	–	–	23,544,021
Depreciation	10a	–	(2,169,125)	(542,893)	(1,031,537)	–	–	(3,743,555)
Depreciation on Disposal	–	147,995	147,995	–	392,618	–	–	540,613
Reclassifications between Asset Classes	7,446,159	520,355	7,966,514	–	–	(520,355)	–	7,446,159
Balance at 30 June 2023	66,829,280	115,993,266	182,822,546	1,803,013	9,759,344	556,232	836,175	195,777,310

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Note 8. Property, plant and equipment (continued)

	Land \$	Buildings \$	Total land and buildings \$	Furniture and equipment \$	Plant and equipment \$	Work in progress \$	Artwork \$	Total property, plant and equipment \$
Comprises:								
Gross balance amount at 30 June 2023	66,829,280	115,993,266	182,822,546	3,416,282	18,865,975	556,232	836,175	206,497,210
Accumulated depreciation at 30 June 2023	–	–	–	(1,613,269)	(9,106,631)	–	–	(10,719,900)
Balance at 30 June 2023	66,829,280	115,993,266	182,822,546	1,803,013	9,759,344	556,232	836,175	195,777,310

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Note 8. Property, plant and equipment (continued)

(b) Carrying value measurements

Asset class	Fair value hierarchy	Valuation technique	Basis of valuation	Date of last valuation	Inputs used
(i) Fair value - Land and buildings					
Land	2	Market approach using recent observable market data for similar properties / income approach using discounted cashflow methodology.	Independent registered valuer	June 2023	Price per hectare / market borrowing rate.
Buildings - specialised	3	Cost approach using current replacement cost.	Independent registered valuer	June 2023	Construction costs and current condition, residual values and remaining useful life assessments inputs.
Buildings - non-specialised	2	Market approach using recent observable market data for similar properties / income approach using discounted cashflow methodology.	Independent registered valuer	June 2023	Price per hectare / market borrowing rate.

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

During the period there were no changes in the valuation techniques used by the local government to determine the fair value of property, plant and equipment using either level 2 or level 3 inputs.

Asset class	Valuation technique
(ii) Cost	
Furniture and equipment	Cost
Plant and equipment	Cost
Artwork	Cost

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Note 9. Infrastructure

(a) Movements in balances

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

Note	Infrastructure roads \$	Infrastructure Lighting \$	Recreation \$	Car Parks \$	Meru Landfill \$	Airport \$	Effluent Scheme \$	Work in progress \$	Total infrastructure \$	
Balance as at 1 July 2021	578,907,325	–	51,131,940	10,546,857	16,982,410	25,060,905	543,938	–	683,173,375	
Additions - Renewal	11,336,172	–	7,176,986	3,900	85,000	157,431	4,321	–	18,763,810	
Additions - New	2,950,132	–	1,818,485	104,624	288,918	17,125	–	–	5,179,284	
(Disposals)	–	–	(1,685,034)	–	–	–	–	–	(1,685,034)	
Depreciation	(16,744,311)	–	(2,025,363)	(497,851)	(913,489)	(1,127,270)	(18,718)	–	(21,327,002)	
Meru capping provision	–	–	–	–	524,120	–	–	–	524,120	
Depreciation on Disposal	–	–	165,315	–	–	–	–	–	165,315	
Other Movements	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	
Balance at 30 June 2022	576,449,318	–	56,582,329	10,157,530	16,966,959	24,108,191	529,541	–	684,793,868	
Comprises:										
Gross balance amount at 30 June 2022	641,432,318	–	63,934,984	12,065,223	19,978,141	26,346,079	601,615	–	764,358,360	
Accumulated depreciation at 30 June 2022	(64,983,000)	–	(7,352,655)	(1,907,693)	(3,011,182)	(2,237,888)	(72,074)	–	(79,564,492)	
Balance at 30 June 2022	576,449,318	–	56,582,329	10,157,530	16,966,959	24,108,191	529,541	–	684,793,868	
Balance as at 1 July 2022	576,449,318	–	56,582,329	10,157,530	16,966,959	24,108,191	529,541	–	684,793,868	
Additions - Renewal	12,281,964	321,885	3,913,795	6,373	132,310	1,080,066	–	–	17,736,393	
Additions - New	2,620,018	–	2,932,157	708,078	1,168,742	9,543	–	–	7,438,538	
(Disposals)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	
Revaluation increments transferred to revaluation surplus	19	–	3,790,470	10,396,096	8,146,127	1,242,422	–	87,289	–	23,662,404
Revaluation decrements transferred to revaluation surplus	19	(16,133,160)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	(16,133,160)
Depreciation	(17,135,291)	(1,855)	(2,179,244)	(503,544)	(1,085,835)	(1,134,868)	(18,830)	–	(22,059,467)	
Meru capping provision	–	–	–	–	3,332,815	–	–	–	3,332,815	
Depreciation on Disposal	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	

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Note 9. Infrastructure (continued)

Other Movements	-	-	(7,709,983)	-	(1,158,600)	-	-	8,868,583	-
Balance at 30 June 2023	558,082,849	4,110,500	63,935,150	18,514,564	20,598,813	24,062,932	598,000	8,868,583	698,771,391
Comprises:									
Gross balance amount at 30 June 2023	558,082,849	4,110,500	63,935,150	18,514,564	21,871,888	27,434,699	598,000	8,868,583	703,416,233
Accumulated depreciation at 30 June 2023	-	-	-	-	(1,273,075)	(3,371,767)	-	-	(4,644,842)
Balance at 30 June 2023	558,082,849	4,110,500	63,935,150	18,514,564	20,598,813	24,062,932	598,000	8,868,583	698,771,391

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Note 9. Infrastructure (continued)

(b) Carrying value measurements

Asset class	Fair value hierarchy	Valuation technique	Basis of valuation	Date of last valuation	Inputs used
(i) Fair value					
Roads	3	Cost approach using current replacement cost	Independent registered valuer	June 2023	Construction costs and current condition, residual values and remaining useful life assessments inputs
Recreation	3	Cost approach using current replacement cost	Independent registered valuer	June 2023	Construction costs and current condition, residual values and remaining useful life assessments inputs
Car Parks	3	Cost approach using current replacement cost	Independent registered valuer	June 2023	Construction costs and current condition, residual values and remaining useful life assessments inputs
Meru Landfill	3	Cost approach using current replacement cost	Independent registered valuer	June 2023	Construction costs and current condition, residual values and remaining useful life assessments inputs
Airport	3	Cost approach using current replacement cost	Independent registered valuer	June 2020	Construction costs and current condition, residual values and remaining useful life assessments inputs
Effluent Scheme	3	Cost approach using current replacement cost	Independent registered valuer	June 2023	Construction costs and current condition, residual values and remaining useful life assessments inputs

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

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

The value of Road Infrastructure assets decreased by \$16m mainly due to the reduced unit rates used in the valuation.

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Note 10. Fixed assets

	Note	2023 Actual \$	2023 Budget \$	2022 Actual \$
(a) Depreciation				
Buildings	8a	2,169,125	2,162,268	2,151,408
Furniture and equipment	8a	542,893	501,924	462,613
Plant and equipment	8a	1,031,537	1,205,102	1,103,069
Infrastructure - roads	9a	17,135,291	16,862,023	16,744,311
Infrastructure - Lighting	9a	1,855	–	–
Infrastructure - Recreation	9a	2,179,244	2,044,381	2,025,363
Infrastructure - Car Parks	9a	503,544	498,368	497,851
Infrastructure - Meru Landfill	9a	1,085,835	919,535	913,489
Infrastructure - Airport	9a	1,134,868	1,143,622	1,127,270
Infrastructure - Effluent Scheme	9a	18,830	18,695	18,718
Right of Use Assets - Furniture & Equipment	11a	43,040	43,040	43,040
Total depreciation		25,846,062	25,398,958	25,087,132

Depreciation of Non-Current Assets

Depreciation is recognised on a straight-line basis, using rates, which are reviewed each reporting period. Major depreciation periods are:

Asset Class	Years
Buildings	30 to 50 years
Furniture and equipment	4 to 10 years
Plant and equipment	5 to 15 years
Infrastructure - Roads	20 to 80 years
Infrastructure - Recreation (Parks)	10 to 60 years
Infrastructure - Car Parks	20 to 100 years
Infrastructure - Meru Landfill	8 to 75 years
Infrastructure - Airport	10 to 100 years
Infrastructure - Effluent Scheme	10 to 40 years
Infrastructure - Footpaths	20 years
Infrastructure - Drainage	80 years
Right of use - Furniture and Equipment	Based on the remaining lease

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Note 10. Fixed assets (continued)

(b) Disposal of assets

The following assets were disposed of during the year.

	Note	Net book value			Sales price			Profit			(Loss)		
		2023 Actual \$	2023 Budget \$	2022 Actual \$	2023 Actual \$	2023 Budget \$	2022 Actual \$	2023 Actual \$	2023 Budget \$	2022 Actual \$	2023 Actual \$	2023 Budget \$	2022 Actual \$
By asset class													
<i>Property, plant and equipment</i>	8a												
Land		393,366	–	2,529,708	360,000	–	1,997,568	–	–	–	(33,366)	–	(532,141)
Buildings		668,753	–	899,618	–	–	351,000	–	–	–	(520,758)	–	(548,618)
Plant and equipment		576,007	719,745	29,388	278,773	905,500	40,078	98,618	239,320	144,590	(3,234)	(53,565)	–
Artwork		–	–	106,663	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	(106,663)
<i>Infrastructure</i>	9a												
Recreation		–	–	1,519,719	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	(1,653,619)
Total by asset class		1,638,126	719,745	5,085,096	638,773	905,500	2,388,646	98,618	239,320	144,590	(557,358)	(53,565)	(2,841,041)

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Note 10. Fixed assets (continued)

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Fixed assets

Each class of fixed assets within either property, plant and equipment or infrastructure, is carried at cost or fair value (as indicated), less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Initial recognition and measurement for assets held at cost

Plant and equipment including furniture and equipment is recognised at cost on acquisition in accordance with *Financial Management Regulation 17A*. Where acquired at no cost the asset is initially recognised at fair value. Assets held at cost are depreciated and assessed for impairment annually.

Initial recognition and measurement between mandatory revaluation dates for assets held at fair value

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

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

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

Individual assets that are land, buildings, infrastructure and investment properties acquired between scheduled revaluation dates of the asset class in accordance with the City's revaluation policy, are recognised at cost and disclosed as being at fair value as management believes cost approximates fair value. They are subject to subsequent revaluation at the next revaluation date consistent with *Financial Management Regulation 17A(4)*.

Revaluation

The fair value of land, buildings, infrastructure and investment properties is determined at least every five years in accordance with the regulatory framework. This includes buildings and infrastructure items which were pre-existing improvements (i.e. vested improvements) on vested land acquired by the City.

At the end of each period, the carrying amount for each asset class is reviewed and, where appropriate, the fair value is updated to reflect current market conditions consistent with *Financial Management Regulation 17A(2)* which requires

land, buildings infrastructure, investment properties and vested improvements to be shown at fair value.

For property, plant and equipment and infrastructure, increases in the carrying amount arising on revaluation of asset classes are credited to a revaluation surplus in equity. Decreases that offset previous increases of the same class of asset are recognised against revaluation surplus directly in equity. All other decreases are recognised in profit or loss. Subsequent increases are then recognised in profit or loss to the extent they reverse a net revaluation decrease previously recognised in profit or loss for the same class of asset.

Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets including buildings but excluding freehold land and vested land, are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the individual asset's useful life from the time the asset is held ready for use. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful life of the improvements.

The assets residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period. An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.

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

Depreciation on revaluation

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

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

Amortisation

All intangible assets with a finite useful life, are amortised on a straight-line basis over the individual asset's useful life from the time the asset is held ready for use.

The residual value of intangible assets is considered to be zero and the useful life and amortisation method are reviewed at the end of each financial year.

Amortisation is included within depreciation in the Statement of Comprehensive Income and in Note 10(a).

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Note 10. Fixed assets (continued)

Impairment

An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.

Gains or losses on disposal

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

Note 11. Leases

Council as a lessee

Council has a lease in place over Printers. Council has applied the exception to lease accounting for leases of low-value assets and short-term leases.

Where Council assesses that an agreement contains a lease, a right of use asset and lease liability is recognised on inception of the lease. Council does not separate lease and non-lease components for any class of assets and has accounted for lease payments as a single component.

The right-of-use asset is measured using the cost model where cost on initial recognition comprises: the lease liability, initial direct costs, prepaid lease payments, estimated cost of removal and restoration, less any lease incentives received. The right-of-use is depreciated over the lease term on a straight-line basis and assessed for impairment in accordance with the impairment of asset accounting policy.

The lease liability is initially recognised at the present value of the remaining lease payments at the commencement of the lease. The discount rate is the rate implicit in the lease, however where this cannot be readily determined then the Council's incremental borrowing rate for a similar term with similar security is used.

Exceptions to lease accounting

Council has applied the exceptions to lease accounting for both short-term leases (i.e. leases with a term of less than or equal to 12 months) and leases of low-value assets. Council recognises the payments associated with these leases as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Leases at significantly below market value / concessionary leases

Council has elected to measure the right of use asset arising from the concessionary leases at cost which is based on the associated lease liability at initial recognition.

Terms and conditions of leases

Printers

The lease relates to printers located all over the City premises. The lease commenced on the 24th of October 2019 and the lease is for 5 years. The lease has fixed monthly repayments of \$4,174.44. At the end of the lease the City can either terminate the lease or continue with the lease.

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Note 11. Leases (continued)

(a) Right of use assets

Movement in the balance of each class of right-of-use asset between the beginning and the end of the current financial year

	Note	Printers \$	Total \$
2022			
Balance at 1 July 2021		139,969	139,969
Depreciation	10a	(43,040)	(43,040)
Balance at 30 June 2022		96,929	96,929
2023			
Balance at 1 July 2022		96,929	96,929
Depreciation	10a	(43,040)	(43,040)
Balance at 30 June 2023		53,889	53,889

Amounts included in the statement of comprehensive income related to leases

The following amounts were recognised in the statement of comprehensive income during the period in respect of leases where the entity is the lessee:

	Note	2023 Actual \$	2022 Actual \$
Expenses			
Depreciation on right-of-use assets	10a	43,040	43,040
Finance charge on lease liabilities	32d	4,969	7,650
Total amount recognised in the statement of comprehensive income		48,009	50,690
Total cash outflow from leases		4,969	7,650

	Note	2023 Actual \$	2022 Actual \$

(b) Lease liabilities

Current		47,974	45,124
Non-current		8,285	56,259
Total lease liabilities	32d	56,259	101,383

Disclosure

The City has a lease relating to printing equipment. The term for the lease is 5 years. The lease has fixed monthly lease payments. The measurement of lease liabilities does not include variable lease payments and any future cash outflows associated with leases not yet commenced to which the City is committed.

Secured liabilities and assets pledged as security

Lease liabilities are effectively secured, as the rights to the leased assets recognised in the financial statements revert to the lessor in the event of default.

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Note 11. Leases (continued)

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**Leases**

At inception of a contract, the City assesses if the contract contains or is a lease. A contract is, or contains, a lease if the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration.

At the commencement date, a right-of-use asset is recognised at cost and lease liability at the present value of the lease payments that are not paid at that date. The lease payments are discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease, if that rate can be readily determined. If that rate cannot be readily determined, the City uses its incremental borrowing rate.

All contracts that are classified as short-term leases (i.e. a lease with a remaining term of 12 months or less) and leases of low value assets are recognised as an operating expense on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.

Details of individual borrowings required by regulations are provided at Note 32

Right-of-use assets - valuation

Right-of-use assets are measured at cost. This means that all right-of-use assets (other than vested improvements) under zero cost concessionary leases are measured at zero cost (i.e. not included in the statement of financial position). The exception is vested improvements on concessionary land leases such as roads, buildings or other infrastructure which are reported at fair value.

Refer to Note 10 for details on the significant accounting policies applying to vested improvements.

Right-of-use assets - depreciation

Right-of-use assets are depreciated over the lease term or useful life of the underlying asset, whichever is the shortest. Where a lease transfers ownership of the underlying asset, or the cost of the right-of-use asset reflects that the City anticipates to exercise a purchase option, the specific asset is amortised over the useful life of the underlying asset.

Note 12. Intangible assets

Laneway Easement

	2023	2022
	Actual	Actual
	\$	\$
Non-current		
Gross book value	159,460	159,460
Total Laneway Easement – net book value	159,460	159,460
Movements in balances of intangible asset during the financial year are shown as follows:		
Balance at 1 July	159,460	159,460
Amortisation	–	–
Balance at 30 June	159,460	159,460
TOTAL INTANGIBLE ASSETS	159,460	159,460

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**Laneway Easement**

The Laneway Easement is not amortised as it is considered to have an indefinite useful life.

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Note 13. Investment properties

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

Note 14. Trade and other payables

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Current		
Sundry creditors	11,121,468	10,014,989
Accrued interest on debentures	90,646	113,660
Accrued Expenses	1,274,988	863,324
Accrued Salaries and Wages	1,207,053	942,965
Unexpended Non-Operating Grants (WATC)	3,081,831	3,002,647
Total current trade and other payables	<u>16,775,986</u>	<u>14,937,585</u>

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Financial liabilities

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

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

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

Trade and other payables

Trade and other payables represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the City prior to the end of the financial year that are unpaid and arise when the City becomes obliged to make future payments in respect of the purchase of these goods and services.

The amounts are unsecured, are recognised as a current liability and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition. The carrying amounts of trade and other payables are considered to be the same as their fair values, due to their short-term nature.

Prepaid rates

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

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Note 15. Other liabilities

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
(a) Other liabilities		
Current		
Deposits received in advance of services provided	2,650,060	1,808,316
Total other liabilities	2,650,060	1,808,316

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**Contract Liabilities**

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

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

Capital grant/contribution liabilities

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

Fair values for non-current capital grant/contribution liabilities, not expected to be extinguished within 12 months, are based on discounted cash flows of expected cashflows to satisfy the obligations using a current borrowing rate. They are classified as level 3 fair values in the fair value hierarchy (see Note 28(i)) due to the unobservable inputs, including own credit risk.

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Note 16. Borrowings

	Note	2023			2022		
		Current \$	Non-current \$	Total \$	Current \$	Non-current \$	Total \$
Unsecured							
Loans	32a	3,696,812	16,463,815	20,160,627	4,275,466	20,160,636	24,436,102
Total unsecured borrowings	32a	3,696,812	16,463,815	20,160,627	4,275,466	20,160,636	24,436,102

Unsecured liabilities

All the City's borrowings are from the Western Australian Treasury Corporation (WATC) and are unsecured.

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**Borrowing costs**

Borrowing costs are recognised as an expense when incurred except where they are directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of a qualifying asset. Where this is the case, they are capitalised as part of the cost of the particular asset until such time as the asset is substantially ready for its intended use or sale.

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

Borrowings fair values are based on discounted cash flows using a current borrowing rate. They are classified as level 3 fair values in the fair value hierarchy (see Note 28(i)) due to the unobservable inputs, including own credit risk.

Risk

Information regarding exposure to risk can be found at Note 26.

Details of individual borrowings required by regulations are provided at Note 32(a).

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Note 17. Employee related provisions

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Current provisions		
Employee benefit provisions		
Annual leave	2,362,130	2,077,822
Long service leave	3,098,121	2,752,516
Sick Leave	307,899	341,219
Accrued RDO	38,408	35,711
Pandemic Leave	–	376,201
Total current employee related provisions	5,806,558	5,583,469
Non-current provisions		
Long service leave	314,866	331,526
Total non-current employee related provisions	314,866	331,526
Total employee related provisions	6,121,424	5,914,995

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

Annual leave liabilities are classified as current, as there is no unconditional right to defer settlement for at least 12 months after the end of the reporting period. Assessments indicate that actual settlement of the liabilities is expected to occur as follows:

Note 18. Other provisions

	Infrastructure Meru - Rehabilitation	Total
Opening balance at 1 July 2022		
Non-current provisions	9,679,368	9,679,368
	9,679,368	9,679,368
Additional provision	3,599,966	3,599,966
Balance at 30 June 2023	13,279,334	13,279,334
Comprises		
Non-current	13,279,334	13,279,334
	13,279,334	13,279,334

Other provisions

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

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Note 19. Revaluation surplus

	2023	2023	2023	Total	2023	2022	2022	2022	Total	2022
	Opening	Revaluation	Revaluation	Movement on	Closing	Opening	Revaluation	Revaluation	Movement on	Closing
	Balance	Increment	(Decrement)	Revaluation	Balance	Balance	Increment	(Decrement)	Revaluation	Balance
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Land	22,371,179	9,067,772	–	9,067,772	31,438,951	22,371,179	–	–	–	22,371,179
Buildings - non-specialised	48,187,256	14,476,249	–	14,476,249	62,663,505	48,313,732	–	(126,476)	(126,476)	48,187,256
Plant and equipment	1,601,370	–	–	–	1,601,370	1,601,370	–	–	–	1,601,370
Artwork	100,239	–	–	–	100,239	100,239	–	–	–	100,239
Infrastructure - roads	397,344,499	–	(16,133,160)	(16,133,160)	381,211,339	397,344,499	–	–	–	397,344,499
Infrastructure - other	–	3,790,470	–	4,793,806	4,793,806	–	–	–	–	–
Recreation	–	10,396,096	–	10,396,096	10,396,096	–	–	–	–	–
Car Parks	10,899,812	8,146,127	–	8,146,127	19,045,939	10,899,811	–	–	–	10,899,811
Meru Landfill	1,458,254	1,242,422	–	1,242,422	2,700,676	1,458,254	–	–	–	1,458,254
Effluent Scheme	298,110	87,289	–	87,289	385,399	298,110	–	–	–	298,110
	<u>482,260,719</u>	<u>47,206,425</u>	<u>(16,133,160)</u>	<u>32,076,601</u>	<u>514,337,320</u>	<u>482,387,194</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>(126,476)</u>	<u>(126,476)</u>	<u>482,260,718</u>

Movements on revaluation of property, plant and equipment (including infrastructure) are not able to be reliably attributed to a program as the assets were revalued by class as provided for by AASB 116 Aus 40.1.

Vested land no longer required to be recognised. Land under golf courses, showgrounds, racecourses or any other sporting or recreational facility of State, or regional, significance should no longer be recognised

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Note 20. Notes to the statement of cash flows

(a) Reconciliation of cash

For the purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, cash includes cash on hand and cash equivalents, net of outstanding bank overdrafts. Cash at the end of the reporting period is reconciled to the related items in the Statement of Financial Position as follows:

	Note	2023 Actual \$	2023 Budget \$	2022 Actual \$
Cash and cash equivalents	3	<u>18,218,685</u>	<u>23,005,031</u>	<u>14,199,011</u>

Restrictions

The following classes of assets have restrictions imposed by regulations or other externally imposed requirements which limit or direct the purpose for which the resources may be used:

- Cash and cash equivalents	3	8,331,832	9,638,078	11,428,727
- Financial assets at amortised cost	4	46,505,827	25,609,515	30,850,355
		<u>54,837,659</u>	<u>35,247,593</u>	<u>42,279,082</u>

The restricted assets are a result of the following specific purposes to which the assets may be used:

Restricted reserve accounts	33	51,755,828	32,244,393	39,276,435
Unspent grants		3,081,831	3,003,200	3,002,647
Total restricted assets		<u>54,837,659</u>	<u>35,247,593</u>	<u>42,279,082</u>

(b) Reconciliation of Net Result to Net Cash Provided By Operating Activities

Net result		15,866,599	11,078,555	8,549,843
Non-cash items:				
Depreciation/amortisation		25,846,062	25,398,958	25,087,132
Adjustments to fair value of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		(16,586)	–	(17,986)
(Profit)/loss on sale of asset		458,740	(185,755)	2,696,451
Other Non Cash Movements		–	–	(506,203)
Changes in assets and liabilities:				
(Increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables		(1,569,627)	(393,168)	415,248
(Increase)/decrease in other assets		–	–	(253,433)
(Increase)/decrease in inventories		(37,668)	(42,417)	(43,369)
(Increase)/decrease in contract assets		(2,030,785)	13,000	–
Increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables		1,861,415	1,052,362	849,995
Increase/(decrease) in accrued interest payable		(23,014)	–	(22,226)
Increase/(decrease) in employee related provisions		206,429	6,594	199,251
Increase/(decrease) in other provisions		267,151	–	907,764
Increase/(decrease) in other liabilities		841,744	340,021	660,989
Capital grants, subsidies and contributions		(10,132,484)	(12,792,443)	(7,652,178)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities		<u>31,537,976</u>	<u>24,475,707</u>	<u>30,871,278</u>

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Note 20. Notes to the statement of cash flows (continued)

	2023 Actual \$	2022 Actual \$
(c) Undrawn borrowing facilities credit standby arrangements		
Credit card limit	115,000	115,000
Total amount of credit unused	115,000	115,000

Security

The Commonwealth Bank of Australia holds a mortgage over council's rates revenue.

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
Loan facilities			
Loan facilities - current	16	3,696,812	4,275,467
Loan facilities - non-current	16	16,463,814	20,160,635
Total facilities in use at balance date		20,160,626	24,436,102

Note 21. Contingent liabilities

1) The City of Greater Geraldton has entered into an agreement with the Public Transport Authority to indemnify Brookfield Rail for 40% of the cost of modification to the Rail Bridge No. 5371 (Abraham Street) contingent on changes to container heights (double stacking). The term of the indemnity expires on the date of expiry of the current lease Brookfield Rail holds over the Rail Corridor (2049).

The likelihood of such an event to occur is considered to be remote.

Note 22. Capital commitments

	2023 \$	2022 \$
(a) Capital expenditure commitments		
Contracted for:		
- capital expenditure projects	12,388,014	2,082,941
- plant & equipment purchases	-	518,562
Total capital expenditure commitments	12,388,014	2,601,503
Payable:		
- not later than one year	12,388,014	2,601,503
Total capital expenditure commitments	12,388,014	2,601,503

The capital expenditure projects outstanding at the end of the current reporting period represent the construction of various City infrastructure assets.

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Note 23. Related party transactions

	2023 Actual \$	2023 Budget \$	2022 Actual \$
(a) Elected Member Remuneration			
Fees, expenses and allowances to be paid or reimbursed to elected council members.			
Mayor's annual allowance	85,800	85,800	78,000
Deputy Mayor's annual allowance	21,450	21,450	19,500
Meeting attendance fees	405,873	405,874	348,194
Annual allowance for ICT expenses	–	–	43,581
Travel and accommodation expenses	6,484	17,500	8,120
Conference & Training Expenses	14,158	30,000	27,455
Total	533,765	560,624	524,850

	2023 Actual \$	2022 Actual \$
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(b) Key management personnel

Key Management Personnel (KMP) Compensation Disclosure

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

Short-term employee benefits	1,831,062	1,834,194
Post-employment benefits	149,081	147,954
Employee - other long-term benefits	33,674	28,914
Total	2,013,817	2,011,062

Short-term employee benefits

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

Post-employment benefits

These amounts are the current-year's estimated cost of providing for the City's superannuation contributions made during the year.

Other long-term benefits

These amounts represent long service benefits accruing during the year.

Termination benefits

These amounts represent termination benefits paid to KMP (Note: may or may not be applicable in any given year).

Council has assessed the materiality of disclosure of transactions with related parties on the following criteria:

- 1) The potential effect of the relationship on the financial statements;
- 2) Whether the transaction occurred as:
 - a) part of a public service provider relationship with a taxpayer on terms no different to that of a transaction with the general public or
 - b) part of an ordinary operational transaction within a normal supplier or client/recipient relationship on terms and conditions no more or less favourable than those that is reasonable to expect the Council would have adopted with the party at arm's length in the same circumstances.

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Note 23. Related party transactions (continued)

	2023 Actual \$	2022 Actual \$
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(c) Transactions with related parties

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

(i) In addition to KMP compensation above, the following transactions occurred with related parties:

Sale of goods and services	6,120	6,374
Purchase of goods and services	156,503	33,055
	162,623	39,429

(ii) Amounts outstanding from related parties:

Trade and other receivables	338	1,964
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(iii) Amounts payable to related parties:

Trade and other payables	23,183	633
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(iv) Related parties**The City's main related parties are as follows:***i. Key management personnel*

Any person(s) having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the entity, directly or indirectly, including any council member, are considered key management personnel and are detailed in Notes 23(a) and 23(b).

ii. Entities subject to significant influence by the City

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

Note 24. Joint arrangements

Council has no interest in any Joint Arrangements.

Note 25. Investment in associates

Council has no interest in any Associated Entities.

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Note 26. Financial risk management

Financial risk management

This note explains the City's exposure to financial risks and how these risks could affect the City's future financial performance.

Risk	Exposure arising from	Measurement	Management
Market risk - interest rate	Long term borrowings at variable rates	Sensitivity analysis	Utilise fixed interest rate borrowings
Credit risk	Cash and cash equivalents, trade receivables, financial assets and debt investments	Aging analysis Credit analysis	Diversification of bank deposits, credit limits. Investment policy
Liquidity risk	Borrowings and other liabilities	Rolling cash flow forecasts	Availability of committed credit lines and borrowing facilities

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

Financial risk management is carried out by the finance department under policies approved by the Council. The finance department identifies, evaluates and manages financial risks in close co-operation with the operating divisions. Council have approved the overall risk management policy and provide policies on specific areas such as investment policy.

(a) Interest rate risk

Cash and cash equivalents

The City's main interest rate risk arises from cash and cash equivalents with variable interest rates, which exposes the City to cash flow interest rate risk. Short term overdraft facilities also have variable interest rates however these are repaid within 12 months, reducing the risk level to minimal.

Excess cash and cash equivalents are invested in fixed interest rate term deposits which do not expose the City to cash flow interest rate risk. Cash and cash equivalents required for working capital are held in variable interest rate accounts and non-interest bearing accounts. Carrying amounts of cash and cash equivalents at the 30 June and the weighted average interest rate across all cash and cash equivalents, term deposits, and Treasury bonds held disclosed as financial assets at amortised cost are reflected in the table below.

	Weighted average interest rate %	Carrying amounts \$	Fixed interest rate \$	Variable interest rate \$	Non interest bearing \$
2023					
Cash and cash equivalents	3.07%	18,218,685	–	18,218,685	–
Financial assets at amortised cost - term deposits	4.34%	38,576,435	38,576,435	–	–
2022					
Cash and cash equivalents	0.29%	14,199,011	–	14,199,011	–
Financial assets at amortised cost - term deposits	1.68%	38,400,345	38,400,345	–	–

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Note 26. Financial risk management (continued)

Sensitivity

Profit or loss is sensitive to higher/lower interest income from cash and cash equivalents as a result of changes in interest rates.

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Impact of a 1% movement in interest rates on profit or loss and equity *	182,186	141,990

(*) Holding all other variables constant

Borrowings

Borrowings are subject to interest rate risk - the risk that movements in interest rates could adversely affect funding costs. The City manages this risk by borrowing long term and fixing the interest rate to the situation considered the most advantageous at the time of negotiation. The City does not consider there to be any interest rate risk in relation to borrowings. Details of interest rates applicable to each borrowing may be found at Note 32(a).

(b) Credit risk**Trade and Other Receivables**

The City's major trade and other receivables comprise contractual non-statutory user fees and charges, grants, contributions and reimbursements. The major risk associated with these receivables is credit risk – the risk that the debts may not be repaid. The City manages this risk by monitoring outstanding debt and employing debt recovery policies.

The level of outstanding receivables is reported to Council monthly and benchmarks are set and monitored for acceptable collection performance.

The City applies the AASB 9 simplified approach to measuring expected credit losses using a lifetime expected loss allowance for all trade and other receivables. To measure the expected credit losses, receivables from grants, contributions and reimbursements are separated from other trade receivables due to the difference in payment terms and security.

The expected loss rates are based on the payment profiles of trade and other receivables over a period of 36 months before 1 July 2022 or 1 July 2023 respectively and the corresponding historical losses experienced within this period. Historical credit loss rates are adjusted to reflect current and forward-looking information on macroeconomic factors such as the ability of users to settle the receivables.

The loss allowance as at 30 June 2023 and 30 June 2022 was determined as follows for trade and other receivables.

	Current	More than 30 days past due	More than 60 days past due	More than 90 days past due	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
30 June 2023					
Trade receivables					
Expected credit loss	75.00%	12.00%	1.00%	12.00%	
Gross carrying amount	1,062,312	157,030	20,782	169,816	1,409,940
Loss allowance	9,143	1,352	179	1,462	12,136
30 June 2022					
Trade receivables					
Expected credit loss	79.00%	5.00%	2.00%	14.00%	
Gross carrying amount	1,315,777	79,745	25,695	237,965	1,659,182
Loss allowance	9,753	591	190	1,764	12,298

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Note 26. Financial risk management (continued)

Contract Assets

The City's contract assets represent work completed, which have not been invoiced at year end. This is due to the City not having met all the performance obligations in the contract which give an unconditional right to receive consideration. The City applies the simplified approach to measure expected credit losses which uses a lifetime expected loss allowance for all contract assets. To measure the expected credit losses, contract assets have been grouped based on shared credit risk characteristics and the days past due. Contract assets have substantially the same risk characteristics as the trade receivables for the same types of contracts. The City has therefore concluded that the expected loss rates for trade receivables are a reasonable approximation of the loss rates for the contract assets.

(c) Liquidity risk

Payables and borrowings are both subject to liquidity risk – that is the risk that insufficient funds may be on hand to meet payment obligations as and when they fall due. The City manages this risk by monitoring its cash flow requirements and liquidity levels and maintaining an adequate cash buffer.

Payment terms can be extended and overdraft facilities drawn upon if required and disclosed in Note 20(c).

The contractual undiscounted cash flows of the City's payables and borrowings are set out in the liquidity table below. Balances due within 12 months equal their carrying balances, as the impact of discounting is not significant.

	Due within 1 year \$	Due between 1 & 5 years \$	Due after 5 years \$	Total contractual cash flows \$	Carrying values \$
2023					
Trade and other payables	14,285,308	–	–	14,285,308	14,285,308
Borrowings	3,696,812	11,376,104	5,087,711	20,160,627	20,160,627
Lease liabilities	47,974	8,285	–	56,259	56,259
	<u>18,030,094</u>	<u>11,384,389</u>	<u>5,087,711</u>	<u>34,502,194</u>	<u>34,502,194</u>
2022					
Trade and other payables	14,937,585	–	–	14,937,585	14,937,585
Borrowings	4,275,467	13,356,034	6,804,601	24,436,102	24,436,102
Lease liabilities	45,124	56,259	–	101,383	101,383
	<u>19,258,176</u>	<u>13,412,293</u>	<u>6,804,601</u>	<u>39,475,070</u>	<u>39,475,070</u>

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Note 27. Events occurring after the end of the reporting period

There are no events occurring after the end of the financial year which have significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the City of Greater Geraldton.

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Note 28. Other significant accounting policies

a) Goods and services tax (GST)

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

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

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

b) Current and non-current classification

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

c) Rounding off figures

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

d) Comparative figures

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

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

e) Budget comparative figures

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

f) Superannuation

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

g) Fair value of assets and liabilities

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

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

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

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

h) Interest revenue

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

i) Fair value hierarchy

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

Level 1

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

Level 2

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

Level 3

Measurements based on unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

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

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Note 28. Other significant accounting policies (continued)

or more significant inputs are not based on observable market data, the asset or liability is included in Level 3.

Valuation techniques

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

Market approach

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

Income approach

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

Cost approach

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

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

j) Impairment of assets

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

Where such an indication exists, an impairment test is carried out on the asset by comparing the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, to the asset's carrying amount.

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

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Note 29. Function and activity

(a) Statement of objectives

City operations as disclosed in these financial statements encompass the following service orientated functions and activities.

NAME AND OBJECTIVES**DESCRIPTION****GOVERNANCE**

To provide a decision-making process for the efficient allocation of scarce resources.

Includes the activities of members of Council and the administrative support available to the Council for the provision of governance of the district. Other costs relate to the task of assisting council members and ratepayers on matters which do not concern specific local government services.

GENERAL PURPOSE FUNDING

To collect revenue to allow for the provision of services.

Rates, general purpose government grants and interest revenue.

LAW, ORDER, PUBLIC SAFETY

To provide services to help ensure a safer and environmentally conscious community.

Supervision and enforcement of various local laws relating to fire prevention, animal control and other aspects of public safety including emergency services.

HEALTH

To provide an operational framework for environmental and community health.

Inspection of food outlets and their control, provision of meat inspection services, noise control and waste disposal compliance.

EDUCATION AND WELFARE

To provide services to disadvantaged persons, the elderly, children and youth.

Maintenance of senior citizen centre and the provision of youth services.

COMMUNITY AMENITIES

To provide services required by the community.

Rubbish collection services, operation of rubbish disposal sites, litter control, construction and maintenance of urban storm water drains, protection of the environment and administration of town planning schemes, cemetery and public conveniences.

RECREATION AND CULTURE

To establish and effectively manage infrastructure and resources which will help the social wellbeing of the community.

Maintenance of public halls, civic centres, aquatic centre, beaches, recreation centres and various sporting facilities. Provision and maintenance of parks, gardens and playgrounds. Operation of library and other cultural facilities.

TRANSPORT

To provide safe, effective and efficient transport services to the community.

Construction and maintenance of roads, streets, footpaths, depots, cycle ways, parking facilities and traffic control. Cleaning of streets and maintenance of street trees, street lighting etc. Provision of airport facilities.

ECONOMIC SERVICES

To help promote the local government and its economic wellbeing.

Tourism and area promotion including the maintenance and operation of a caravan park. Provision of rural services including weed control, vermin control and standpipes. Building Control.

OTHER PROPERTY AND SERVICES

To monitor and control operating accounts.

Private works operation, plant repair and costs.

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Note 29. Function and activity (continued)

(b) Income and expenses

	2023 Actual \$	2023 Budget \$	2022 Actual \$
Income excluding grants, subsidies and contributions			
Governance	110,202	39,650	39,695
General purpose funding	53,105,971	51,612,385	49,063,750
Law, order, public safety	355,435	325,000	309,213
Health	80,832	80,000	88,536
Education and welfare	44,536	30,000	49,023
Community amenities	15,056,919	13,932,164	15,395,871
Recreation and culture	1,929,108	2,639,267	1,331,249
Transport	4,824,241	5,488,700	4,085,042
Economic services	1,022,850	907,000	928,386
Other property and services	1,242,526	1,371,885	1,223,843
	<u>77,772,620</u>	<u>76,426,051</u>	<u>72,514,608</u>
Grants, subsidies and contributions			
Governance	45,546	107,647	116,248
General purpose funding	10,416,701	6,506,610	8,203,427
Law, order, public safety	1,526,782	1,016,652	1,090,049
Education and welfare	375,095	331,975	261,129
Community amenities	314,641	284,125	437,546
Recreation and culture	1,773,316	558,900	1,328,749
Transport	9,614,410	12,366,813	9,337,354
Economic services	47,446	45,000	57,180
Other property and services	722,845	511,000	192,739
	<u>24,836,782</u>	<u>21,728,722</u>	<u>21,024,421</u>
Total income	<u>102,609,402</u>	<u>98,154,773</u>	<u>93,539,029</u>
Expenses			
Governance	(943,452)	(2,703,460)	(2,798,560)
General purpose funding	(3,335,651)	(989,293)	(1,324,439)
Law, order, public safety	(3,883,380)	(3,911,047)	(3,358,207)
Health	(825,382)	(910,076)	(779,264)
Education and welfare	(2,000,609)	(2,147,026)	(1,803,092)
Housing	(30,367)	(37,483)	(40,787)
Community amenities	(13,129,415)	(13,733,931)	(11,580,793)
Recreation and culture	(20,291,534)	(20,924,177)	(21,022,108)
Transport	(30,393,703)	(30,766,601)	(30,907,110)
Economic services	(4,234,684)	(4,791,994)	(4,307,732)
Other property and services	(7,674,626)	(6,161,130)	(7,067,094)
	<u>(86,742,803)</u>	<u>(87,076,218)</u>	<u>(84,989,186)</u>
Net result for the period	<u>15,866,599</u>	<u>11,078,555</u>	<u>8,549,843</u>

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Note 29. Function and activity (continued)

(c) Total assets

	2023 Actual \$	2022 Actual \$
Governance	449,925	746,073
General purpose funding	84,981,356	75,547,805
Law, order, public safety	771,056	599,027
Health	–	23,688
Education and welfare	–	20,540
Community amenities	147,560,205	58,267,381
Recreation and culture	10,293,852	11,409,973
Transport	549,430,521	625,869,460
Economic services	25,403	62,174
Other property and services	181,580,748	152,437,803
Total assets	975,093,066	924,983,924

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Note 30. Rating information

Rate type	Basis of valuation	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	
		Rate in \$	Number of properties	Actual Rateable Value	Actual Rate Revenue	Actual Interim Rates	Actual Back Rates	Actual Total Revenue	Budget Rate Revenue	Budget Interim Rate	Budget Back Rate	Budget Total Revenue	Actual Total Revenue
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
General Rates													
Rate Description													
CGG GRV	Gross rental valuations	0.12927	17,027	341,556,738	44,153,030	132,648	(1,253)	44,284,425	44,153,030	255,000	16,000	44,424,030	42,122,015
UV	Unimproved valuations	0.00677	743	446,752,952	3,024,518	1,245	(638)	3,025,125	3,024,518	45,000	–	3,069,518	2,834,364
Total general rates			17,770	788,309,690	47,177,548	133,893	(1,891)	47,309,550	47,177,548	300,000	16,000	47,493,548	44,956,379
Minimum payment													
CGG GRV		1,027.00	2,506	8,341,348	2,573,663	–	–	2,573,663	2,573,662	–	–	2,573,662	2,656,849
UV		1,027.00	356	28,370,216	365,612	–	–	365,612	365,612	–	–	365,612	394,368
Total minimum payments			2,862	36,711,564	2,939,275	–	–	2,939,275	2,939,274	–	–	2,939,274	3,051,217
Total general rates and minimum payments			20,632	825,021,254	50,116,823	133,893	(1,891)	50,248,825	50,116,822	300,000	16,000	50,432,822	48,007,596
								<u>50,248,825</u>				<u>50,432,822</u>	<u>48,007,596</u>
Discounts													
General rates								(103,797)				(102,937)	(107,045)
Total rates								<u>50,145,028</u>				<u>50,329,885</u>	<u>47,900,551</u>

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

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Note 31. Determination of surplus or deficit

	Note	30 June 2023 Carried Forward	Budget 30 June 2023 Carried Forward	30 June 2022 Carried Forward
(a) Non-cash amounts excluded from operating activities				
The following non-cash revenue or expenditure has been excluded from amounts attributable to operating activities within the Rate Setting Statement in accordance with <i>Financial Management Regulation 32</i> .				
Adjustments to operating activities				
Less: Profit on asset disposals		(98,618)	(239,320)	(144,590)
Less: Fair value adjustments to financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		(16,586)	(2,000)	(17,986)
Add: Loss on disposal of assets		557,358	53,565	2,841,041
Add: Depreciation	10a	25,846,062	25,398,958	25,087,132
Non-cash movements in non-current assets and liabilities:				
Pensioner deferred rates		11,041	–	34,946
Employee benefit provisions		(16,660)	390	(60,106)
Other provisions		267,151	–	–
Other Non-Cash (Revenue)/Expenditure		3,836	(37,973)	18,865
Non-cash amounts excluded from operating activities		26,553,584	25,173,620	27,759,302
(b) Non-cash amounts excluded from investing activities				
The following non-cash revenue or expenditure has been excluded from amounts attributable to investing activities within the Rate Setting Statement in accordance with <i>Financial Management Regulation 32</i> .				
Adjustments to investing activities				
Movement in non-current capital grant/contribution liability		–	–	–
Property, plant and equipment received for substantially less than fair value	8a	–	–	–
Infrastructure received for substantially less than fair value	9a	–	–	–
Non cash Capital grants, subsidies and contributions		–	–	–
Non-cash amounts excluded from investing activities		–	–	–
(c) Surplus/(deficit) after imposition of general rates				
The following current assets and liabilities have been excluded from the net current assets used in the Rate Setting Statement in accordance with <i>Financial Management Regulation 32</i> to agree to the surplus/(deficit) after imposition of general rates.				
Adjustments to net current assets				
Less: Reserve accounts	33	(41,305,828)	(32,244,393)	(39,276,435)
Less: Financial assets at amortised cost - self supporting loans	4a	(123,059)	(171,705)	(91,627)
Add: Current liabilities not expected to be cleared at end of year				
- Current portion of borrowings	16	3,696,812	3,754,481	4,275,466
- Current portion of lease liabilities	11	47,974	47,974	–
Other - Property Loan - Bowden		(8,480)	(108,441)	–
Other - Clay Target Loan		(11,959)	–	–
Total adjustments to net current assets		(37,704,540)	(28,722,084)	(35,092,596)

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Note 31. Determination of surplus or deficit (continued)

	30 June 2023 Carried Forward	Budget 30 June 2023 Carried Forward	30 June 2022 Carried Forward
Net current assets used in the Statement of Financial Activity			
Total current assets	68,169,182	56,477,844	65,763,715
Less: Total current liabilities	(28,977,390)	(26,527,983)	(26,649,960)
Less: Total adjustments to net current assets	(37,704,540)	(28,722,084)	(35,092,596)
Surplus or deficit after imposition of general rates	<u>1,487,252</u>	<u>1,227,777</u>	<u>4,021,159</u>

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Note 32. Borrowing and lease liabilities

(a) Borrowings

Purpose	Note	Principal at 1 July 2022	New loans During 2021-22	Principal repayments During 2021-22	Actual Principal at 30 June 2022	New loans During 2022-23	Principal repayments During 2022-23	Actual Principal at 30 June 2023	Principal at 1 July 2022	Budget		Principal at 30 June 2023
										New loans	Principal repayments	
266 Old Railway Building		356,830	–	(113,852)	242,978	–	(118,870)	124,108	242,978	–	(118,870)	124,108
281 Geraldton Hockey Association		–	600,000	(28,263)	571,737	–	(57,055)	514,682	571,737	–	(57,055)	514,682
260 Aquarena Renewal Stage 1		530,563	–	(298,771)	231,792	–	(231,792)	–	231,792	–	(231,792)	–
261 Airport Paid Parking Facilities		306,094	–	(172,368)	133,726	–	(133,726)	–	133,726	–	(133,726)	–
278 Meru Resource Recovery Facility		5,721,885	–	(660,730)	5,061,155	–	(675,613)	4,385,542	5,061,155	–	(675,614)	4,385,541
258 Airport Buffer Land		80,395	–	(80,395)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
96 Geraldton Yacht Club SSL		183,044	–	(23,755)	159,289	–	(24,512)	134,777	159,289	–	(24,512)	134,777
273 Verita Road Stage 1		454,967	–	(224,714)	230,253	–	(230,253)	–	230,253	–	(230,253)	–
264 Aquarena Upgrade		692,874	–	(221,072)	471,802	–	(230,815)	240,987	471,803	–	(230,815)	240,988
262 Office Redevelopment		204,063	–	(114,912)	89,151	–	(89,151)	–	89,151	–	(89,151)	–
268 Foreshore Stabilisation & Protection		524,523	–	(125,162)	399,361	–	(129,060)	270,301	399,361	–	(129,060)	270,301
263 Recreation Ground Grandstand		433,046	–	(138,169)	294,877	–	(144,259)	150,618	294,877	–	(144,259)	150,618
269 Airport Projects		1,320,050	–	(314,992)	1,005,058	–	(324,800)	680,258	1,005,058	–	(324,800)	680,258
265 Old Works Depot		346,437	–	(110,536)	235,901	–	(115,407)	120,494	235,901	–	(115,407)	120,494
259 Verita Road		278,291	–	(278,291)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
276 Animal Pound Facility		1,383,742	–	(265,898)	1,117,844	–	(271,216)	846,628	1,117,844	–	(271,216)	846,628
272 MUF, Youth Precinct, Beach Access Ramp		2,912,692	–	(251,330)	2,661,362	–	(259,462)	2,401,900	2,661,362	–	(259,462)	2,401,900
279 Wonthella Bowling club		200,000	–	(39,608)	160,392	–	(39,803)	120,589	160,392	–	(39,803)	120,589
274 Olive Street Development		2,356,207	–	(362,853)	1,993,354	–	(374,299)	1,619,055	1,993,354	–	(374,299)	1,619,055
277 Beresford Foreshore		1,512,212	–	(174,621)	1,337,591	–	(178,555)	1,159,036	1,337,590	–	(178,555)	1,159,035
275 Airport Runway Overlay		6,924,556	–	(300,035)	6,624,521	–	(308,556)	6,315,965	6,624,521	–	(308,556)	6,315,965
280 Geraldton Amateur Basketball Association		–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	550,000	(23,785)	526,215
271 QPT Air-Conditioning Replacement		1,742,562	–	(328,604)	1,413,958	–	(338,270)	1,075,687	1,413,957	–	(338,270)	1,075,687
251 Geraldton Clay Target Club - SSL		–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	100,000	(4,432)	95,568
Total Borrowings	16	28,465,033	600,000	(4,628,931)	24,436,102	–	(4,275,474)	20,160,627	24,436,101	650,000	(4,303,692)	20,782,409

Borrowing Finance Cost Payments

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Note 32. Borrowing and lease liabilities (continued)

(a) Borrowings

Purpose	Institution	Interest Rate	Actual for year ending 30 June 2023	Budget for year ending 30 June 2023	Actual for year ending 30 June 2022
Purpose					
265 Old Works Depot	WATC	4.36%	(8,010)	(9,041)	(12,925)
262 Office Redevelopment	WATC	3.89%	(882)	(1,740)	(5,170)
261 Airport Paid Parking Facilities	WATC	3.89%	(1,323)	(2,609)	(7,755)
271 QPT Air-Conditioning Replacement	WATC	2.92%	(37,082)	(38,836)	(46,797)
278 Meru Resource Recovery Facility	WATC	2.24%	(107,140)	(109,608)	(122,078)
258 Airport Buffer Land	WATC	4.72%	–	–	(1,669)
279 Wonthella Bowling club	WATC	0.49%	(647)	(739)	(842)
264 Aquarena Upgrade	WATC	4.36%	(16,020)	(18,082)	(25,850)
269 Airport Projects	WATC	3.09%	(26,985)	(28,566)	(36,841)
275 Airport Runway Overlay	WATC	2.82%	(183,233)	(184,652)	(191,793)
281 Geraldton Hockey Association	WATC	1.25%	(6,722)	(6,948)	(6,004)
273 Verita Road Stage 1	WATC	2.45%	(3,749)	(4,239)	(9,300)
277 Beresford Foreshore	WATC	2.24%	(28,316)	(28,968)	(32,263)
272 MUF, Youth Precinct, Beach Access Ramp	WATC	3.21%	(81,885)	(83,364)	(90,064)
WATC Loan Guarantee Fee	WATC	0.00%	(161,969)	(171,901)	(193,580)
260 Aquarena Renewal Stage 1	WATC	3.89%	(2,294)	(4,531)	(13,442)
274 Olive Street Development	WATC	3.13%	(58,053)	(59,486)	(69,543)
268 Foreshore Stabilisation & Protection	WATC	3.09%	(10,722)	(11,351)	(14,639)
280 Geraldton Amateur Basketball Association	WATC	0.50%	–	(8,250)	–
96 Geraldton Yacht Club SSL	WATC	3.16%	(4,749)	(4,842)	(5,508)
259 Verita Road	WATC	4.72%	–	–	(5,778)
266 Old Railway Building	WATC	4.36%	(8,250)	(9,312)	(13,313)
263 Recreation Ground Grandstand	WATC	4.36%	(10,012)	(11,301)	(16,157)
276 Animal Pound Facility	WATC	1.99%	(20,022)	(20,902)	(25,357)
251 Geraldton Clay Target Club - SSL	WATC	1.25%	–	(1,250)	–
Total Finance Cost Payments			(778,065)	(820,518)	(946,668)

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Note 32. Borrowing and lease liabilities (continued)

(b) New Borrowings - 2022/23

Particulars/Purpose	Institution	Loan Type	Term Years	Interest Rate %	Amount Borrowed		Amount (Used)		Total Interest & Charges	Actual Balance Unspent
					Actual \$	Budget \$	Actual \$	Budget \$		
No new loans				0.00%	—	—	—	—	—	—
					—	—	—	—	—	—

(c) Unspent Borrowings

Particulars	Institution	Date Borrowed	Unspent Balance 1 July 2022 \$	Borrowed During Year \$	Expended During Year \$	Unspent Balance 30 June 2023 \$
No Unspent borrowings			—	—	—	—
			—	—	—	—

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Note 32. Borrowing and lease liabilities (continued)

(d) Lease liabilities

Purpose	Note	Actual					Budget					
		Principal at 1 July 2021	New leases During 2021-22	Principal repayments During 2021-22	Principal at 30 June 2022	New leases During 2022-23	Principal repayments During 2022-23	Principal at 30 June 2023	Principal at 1 July 2022	New leases During 2022-23	Principal repayments During 2022-23	Principal at 30 June 2023
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Printers		143,828	–	(42,445)	101,383	–	(45,124)	56,259	101,383	–	(45,124)	56,259
Total lease liabilities	11b	143,828	–	(42,445)	101,383	–	(45,124)	56,259	101,383	–	(45,124)	56,259

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Note 33. Reserve accounts

	2023 Opening Balance Actual \$	2023 Transfer to Actual \$	2023 Transfer (from) Actual \$	2023 Closing Balance Actual \$	2023 Opening Balance Budget \$	2023 Transfer to Budget \$	2023 Transfer (from) Budget \$	2023 Closing Balance Budget \$	2022 Opening Balance Actual \$	2022 Transfer to Actual \$	2022 Transfer (from) Actual \$	2022 Closing Balance Actual \$
(a) Parking Land Reserve	551,759	-	-	551,759	1,301,759	-	-	1,301,759	551,759	-	-	551,759
(b) Unexpended Capital Works & Restricted Grant Reserve	10,485,880	18,872,577	(6,770,996)	22,587,461	12,085,701	-	(2,099,194)	9,986,507	11,368,128	4,599,091	(5,481,339)	10,485,880
(c) Employee Entitlements Reserve	3,100,000	-	-	3,100,000	3,100,000	-	-	3,100,000	3,100,000	-	-	3,100,000
(d) Major Initiatives Reserve	8,191,405	3,600,000	(731,655)	11,059,750	7,748,607	1,000,000	(1,333,333)	7,415,274	5,281,655	2,909,750	-	8,191,405
(e) Asset Renewal Reserve	14,721,910	1,000,000	(3,119,445)	12,602,465	9,144,354	-	(248,000)	8,896,354	11,144,354	4,300,000	(722,444)	14,721,910
(f) Point Moore Reserve	148,318	39,000	-	187,318	461,318	34,000	-	495,318	110,318	38,000	-	148,318
(g) Money In Lieu of Public Open Space	2,077,163	13,110	(423,198)	1,667,075	1,722,379	-	(673,198)	1,049,181	1,286,015	791,148	-	2,077,163
	39,276,435	23,524,687	(11,045,294)	51,755,828	35,564,118	1,034,000	(4,353,725)	32,244,393	32,842,229	12,637,989	(6,203,783)	39,276,435

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

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

Name of Reserve	Purpose of the reserve
(a) Parking Land Reserve	The purpose of this reserve is to build up funds that can then be used for the acquisition of land for car parking and provision of parking bays within the City.
(b) Unexpended Capital Works & Restricted Grant Reserve	The purpose of this reserve is to restrict grant funds received that were unspent in the financial year including any tied contribution from the City plus any unexpended capital works to be carried over to the next financial year.
(c) Employee Entitlements Reserve	The purpose of this reserve is for the funding of payments not predicted or provided for in Council's municipal budget. It is also intended to fund large payments to staff that may occur in any year, principally being long service leave payments but shall include provision for voluntary redundancy payments, accrued non-current annual leave and sick leave entitlements as provided for under the City's Enterprise Agreement.
(d) Major Initiatives Reserve	The purpose of this reserve is to provide funding tied to prioritised capital works program and major projects/initiatives. Funds to be mainly derived from net proceeds on land sales.
(e) Asset Renewal Reserve	The purpose of this reserve is to fund infrastructure renewal. Any funds that are unspent from the annual asset renewal program are to be disbursed into this reserve for future renewal programs, unbudgeted emergent and/or emergency renewal works.
(f) Point Moore Reserve	The purpose of this reserve is to build funds from the annual demolition levy applied and to be paid by the Lessee per clause 4.2 of Point Moore Beach Cottages Leases in removal of all improvements and in remediation of sites.
(g) Money In Lieu of Public Open Space	The purpose of this reserve is to set aside funds received from developers in lieu of land. The funds can be used to purchase land for parks, recreation grounds or open spaces generally.

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Note 34. Trust funds

	<u>1 July 2022</u>			<u>30 June 2023</u>
	Opening Balance \$	Amounts received \$	Amounts paid \$	Closing balance \$
Funds held at balance date which are required to be held in trust and which are not included in the financial statements are as follows:				
Mid West Industry Road Safety Alliance	34,061	–	(7,522)	26,539
Revegetation Contributions	134,422	11,500	–	145,922
Unclaimed Monies	7,436	–	–	7,436
	<u>175,919</u>	<u>11,500</u>	<u>(7,522)</u>	<u>179,897</u>



Auditor General

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT 2023 City of Greater Geraldton

To the Council of the City of Greater Geraldton

Opinion

I have audited the financial report of the City of Greater Geraldton (City) which comprises:

- the Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2023, and the Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Changes in Equity, Statement of Cash Flows and Statement of Financial Activity for the year then ended
- Notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In my opinion, the financial report is:

- based on proper accounts and records
- presents fairly, in all material respects, the results of the operations of the City for the year ended 30 June 2023 and its financial position at the end of that period
- in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1995* (the Act) and, to the extent that they are not inconsistent with the Act, the Australian Accounting Standards.

Basis for opinion

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

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

Other information

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) is responsible for the preparation and the Council for overseeing the other information. The other information is the information in the entity's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2023, but not the financial report and my auditor's report.

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

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

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

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

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

- keeping proper accounts and records
- preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the requirements of the Act and, to the extent that they are not inconsistent with the Act, the Australian Accounting Standards
- managing internal control as required by the CEO to ensure the financial report is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

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

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

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report

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

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

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

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

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

Matters relating to the electronic publication of the audited financial report

This auditor's report relates to the financial report of the City of Greater Geraldton for the year ended 30 June 2023 included in the annual report on the City's website. The City's management is responsible for the integrity of the City's website. This audit does not provide assurance on the integrity of the City's website. The auditor's report refers only to the financial report. It does not provide an opinion on any other information which may have been hyperlinked to/from the annual report. If users of the financial report are concerned with the inherent risks arising from publication on a website, they are advised to contact the City to confirm the information contained in the website version.



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