

Annual Report

2014-15



OUR REGION

LOCATION South East Queensland

ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION 39,463 (calculated by Queensland Statistician's Office at 30 June 2014)

AREA 4,238 square kilometres

GROSS REGIONAL PRODUCT \$1.547 billion (2013-14)

COUNCIL OPERATING EXPENDITURE 2014-15 \$53.2 million

COUNCIL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE 2014-15 \$47.5 million

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Cover image: The picturesque waters of Lake Moogerah.



A message from

CR JOHN BRENT OAM MAYOR

It gives me great pleasure to introduce the seventh annual report of Scenic Rim Regional Council.

This document is the final full-year report of the 2012-16 Council and in many respects is an opportunity to reflect not only our achievements during the past fiscal year, but also the current term.

It continues to be my privilege to serve the Scenic Rim community as Mayor and head a team of Councillors who are committed to delivering effective leadership and advocacy.

I am proud to lead an organisation which is forward-thinking and determined to create a positive legacy, both for our community today and for future generations.

Council continues to maintain a focus on delivering effective and sustainable outcomes for the Scenic Rim across infrastructure, service delivery and financial management.

This approach, which has included achieving cost savings and efficiencies, has seen us ranked among the most financially sustainable councils in Queensland for consecutive years.

Ultimately, this has positioned Council strongly to fund vital infrastructure spending on roads, bridges and facilities in addition to a range of essential community services and programs.

Programs such as Vibrant and Active Towns and Villages, a \$1 million

Mayoral initiative launched in 2014-15 and funded through efficiency savings, are dedicated to delivering infrastructure improvements to enhance the character of our towns and villages.

We remain committed to assisting the many community organisations that contribute to strengthening the social fabric of our region through our Community Development Grants, Sport and Recreation Grants, Environmental Grants and the Scenic Rim Regional Arts Development Fund.

Council also supports a calendar of events and activities which contribute to the shared vision for the future of the region captured in the Scenic Rim Community Plan including Be Healthy & Active, Eat Local Week and Winter Harvest Festival, the Studios and Cultural Trails of the Scenic Rim, and the Scenic Rim Business Excellence Awards.



A message from

CRAIG BARKE CEO

Scenic Rim Regional Council is committed to effectively managing infrastructure and service delivery to our community in a manner which is both financially sustainable and responsible.

The organisation's fiscal performance was again acknowledged by the

Queensland Audit Office in 2014-15, ranking the organisation among the most financially sustainable local government areas in Queensland for the third successive year.

A financially sustainable long-term position remains a key objective of the organisation, one which requires prudent and disciplined management with a focus on efficiency.

Council's leadership continues to review the resourcing and processes of the organisation to ensure the outcomes delivered represent value for the community.

The result of this is a responsive and resilient organisation capable of meeting the current and future needs of the Scenic Rim region, which remains one of the fastest growing local government areas of Queensland.

Financial outcomes over the past several years, including 2014-15, have included a substantial component of funding assistance under the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements for contract

capital works to restore damaged infrastructure.

However, a significant milestone for the financial year ending June 2015 was the finalisation of the disaster restoration program arising from 2013's ex-Tropical Cyclone Oswald.

This brought to a close an unprecedented rolling reconstruction program which commenced in the aftermath of the "summer of disasters" in 2010-11, a significant chapter in the history of this Council.

As with previous documents, the 2014-15 Annual Report reflects Council's continued focus on financial sustainability, providing value for money outcomes for ratepayers and responding to the needs of the Scenic Rim community.



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OUR COUNCIL

SCENIC RIM REGIONAL COUNCIL DRAWS ITS NAME FROM A PHRASE COINED BY AUTHOR AND NATURALIST ARTHUR GROOM TO DESCRIBE THE CHAIN OF MOUNTAINS, PLATEAUX AND PEAKS TO THE WEST AND SOUTH OF BRISBANE WHICH COMPRISE MUCH OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA.



Scenic Rim Regional Vision

By 2026 Scenic Rim will be a network of unique rural communities embedded in a productive and sustainable landscape.

We will enjoy a high quality rural lifestyle in self-reliant communities that provide a choice of quality local food, products, services and recreation opportunities.

Our residents will have affordable transport options and ready access to the broader South East Queensland region.

Our community will support sustainable farms, businesses and industries that are compatible with our environment and lifestyle and provide rewarding employment and prosperity for residents.

Residents will benefit from the region's productive farmland, stunning natural environment and character-filled towns and villages which attract tourists and visitors and provide ecosystem services for the broader South East Queensland community.

Scenic Rim will be an inclusive, caring and creative environment with healthy and active residents. The region will provide a happy, safe and nurturing environment for children and families.

We will participate in planning and managing our communities and act to ensure the Scenic Rim is enhanced for future generations.

SCENIC RIM COMMUNITY PLAN

The Scenic Rim Community Plan 2011-2026 was adopted by Council in November 2011 following extensive community consultation. It captures the long-term vision of the Scenic Rim community and summarises its aspirations under seven themes. These desired outcomes form the basis of our Regional Vision (above) and provide the foundations of Council's Corporate Plan 2013-2018.

SCENIC RIM REGIONAL COUNCIL

Council is governed by a popularly elected Mayor and one Councillor for each of the region's six electoral divisions. The current Council comprises Mayor Cr John Brent OAM, Deputy Mayor Cr Virginia West, Cr Nigel Waistell, Cr Nadia O'Carroll, Cr Jennifer Sanders, Cr Rick Stanfield and Cr Duncan McInnes, who were elected at quadrennial elections held in April 2012.

REPRESENTING THE COMMUNITY

The role of Councillors is prescribed in the *Local Government Act 2009*:

1. A Councillor must represent the current and future interests of the residents of the local government area.
2. All Councillors of a local government have the same responsibilities,

but the Mayor has some extra responsibilities.

3. All Councillors have the following responsibilities:
 - a. Ensuring the local government:
 - i. Discharges its responsibilities under this Act
 - ii. Achieves its corporate and community plans
 - iii. Complies with all laws that apply to local governments;
 - b. Providing high quality leadership to the local government and the community;
 - c. Participating in council meetings, policy development, and decision making, for the benefit of the local government area;
 - d. Being accountable to the community for the local government's performance.

MEETINGS

Council decisions are made at monthly Ordinary Meetings with business items generally referred for initial consideration to one of Council's three Standing Committees. Special Meetings were convened during the year for purposes of Budget adoption and consideration of urgent business items. A schedule of meetings held during the period is included on page 53 of this report.

CORPORATE AND OPERATIONAL PLANS

Council's operations for the year are guided by the Corporate Plan 2013-2018. The plan details organisational strategies under the seven themes of the Community Plan.

An additional theme of Organisational Sustainability is included in the Corporate Plan to provide a focal point on Council's performance and financial sustainability.

The 2014-15 Operational Plan provided for 134 actions to be undertaken across the eight themes of Council's Corporate Plan. A summary of performance in completing those actions is shown on page 11.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION

As outlined in this report, Councillors continued to develop the organisation's strategic direction during 2014-15 through the adoption and review of various strategy documents, policies and local laws. This work ensures Council is positioned to best serve the public interest - both now and into the future. Councillors also performed a vital representational role as direct points of contact for Council with many community organisations and Scenic Rim residents.

COUNCIL MEMBERS



**CR JOHN BRENT OAM
Mayor**

Cr John Brent is Queensland's longest-serving incumbent Mayor, representing his community in this capacity continuously for more than two decades. It is an achievement that forms part of almost 40 years of service as an elected councillor.

In June 2015 his civic service was recognised with the

awarding of a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for his contribution to local government and the agricultural industry. He was previously awarded the Centenary Medal in 2001 in recognition of his distinguished service to local government.

Elected to the former Boonah Shire Council in April 1976 at the age of 26, Cr Brent served as a divisional councillor for 18 years and was also deputy Shire Chairman for nine years. In 1994, he was elected as the first "Mayor" of Boonah Shire (prior to this the position was known as Shire Chairman). Between 1997 and 2004, he was re-elected for a three further terms as Mayor, including twice unopposed. He was elected as foundation Mayor of Scenic Rim Regional Council in 2008 following the amalgamation of part of the former Beaudesert Shire, Ipswich City and Boonah Shire, and was re-elected for a second term in April 2012.

Cr Brent lists his passions as regional and rural issues and his insights and experience are highly regarded in local government and valued by peers at all levels of government. He believes in building a strong economic base and improving infrastructure while also focusing on the community and achieving joint goals.

He serves on various committees and boards in a public and personal capacity. Cr Brent's past and present roles include: Deputy Chair and Executive Member of the Council of Mayors (SEQ), Chair of Council of Mayors (SEQ) Infrastructure and Planning Committee, Board Member of Queensland Local Government Mutual Liability Pool, inaugural Director of Horticulture Australia Ltd, Director of Growcom Ltd, Board Director and Chair of AUSVEG (national vegetable group), Member Natural Resources Management South East Queensland (NRMSEQ), Director South East Queensland Catchments Ltd, Board Member Local Government Association of Queensland, Member of Fire Brigade Board, Local Ambulance Committee, Blue Care Committee and P&C Committees.

He is also patron of the Boonah Show Society and Boonah Poultry Club, Member of the Kalbar Show Society, Member of the Liberal National Party, Royal National Association, Scenic Rim Broadcasting Association and Honorary Member of the Rotary Club of Boonah and Fassifern.



**CR VIRGINIA WEST,
DEPUTY MAYOR
Division 3**

Cr Virginia West is Deputy Mayor of the Scenic Rim. A qualified nurse, Virginia was employed as a territory manager for a medical company before being elected to the former Beaudesert Shire Council in March 2004.

Married with two adult children, Virginia has been actively involved in the local community and is committed to an environmentally sensitive but practical approach to development.

She is President of the Canungra Local Ambulance Committee, a Member of the Beaudesert Hospital Advisory Committee, and a Board Member of Tamborine Mountain College. She is also patron of the Beaudesert Rifle Club and Beaudesert District Orchid and Foliage Society.

She is committed to working as part of a team with a firm vision and innovative focus to build a strong and vibrant future for the Scenic Rim Regional Council area.



**CR NIGEL WAISTELL
Division 1**

Cr Nigel Waistell is Chair of Council's Corporate and Community Services Committee and Deputy Chair of the Local Disaster Management Group.

He has enjoyed a military career since 1969, serving with both the British and Australian Army. He took a break from military service from 1993 to 2001 when he worked in local government as the training manager for Ipswich City Council.

His vision is to maintain, promote and enhance the qualities of the region which first attracted people to reside here: natural environment, rural lifestyle, connected community and the tourism and agriculture businesses.

In his spare time, Cr Waistell enjoys sailing, volunteering at the Tamborine Mountain Botanic Gardens and involvement with the Returned and Services League.



CR NADIA O'CARROLL
Division 2

Cr Nadia O'Carroll is Chair of Council's Finance Committee.

She holds a Bachelor of Business (accounting major) from University of Technology Sydney and is a registered tax agent. Her career includes employment with Price Waterhouse, University of Technology Sydney, Queensland University and as a self-employed accountant.

Nadia, husband Kerry and their three children moved to Tamborine Mountain in 1992. Nadia has been involved in local organisations including Tamborine Mountain Natural History Association, Tamborine Mountain Rural Fire Brigade and Tamborine Mountain Show Society. She is a qualified water monitor with SEQ Catchments and an accredited volunteer with Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service.

She is also on the Board of Beaucare (a community welfare organisation). Her experience in business plus her interest in nature, science, active outdoor pursuits and horses give her an added appreciation of many issues within the Scenic Rim area.

She lists the need to ensure protection for the environment, rural values, sense of community and the unique lifestyle of people living in the region among her major objectives.



CR JENNIFER SANDERS
Division 4

Cr Jennifer Sanders is Chair of Council's Planning and Development Committee.

Jennifer has a degree in Australian Studies, a post graduate qualification in town planning, and diplomas in Local Government (Planning) and Project Management. She is a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors (GAICD) and a Justice of the Peace (Qual). In 2009, Jennifer won a State Government bursary for women in local government and in 2014 won a scholarship to the Excellence in Local Government Leadership Program.

Jennifer has a keen interest in the community and volunteer organisations. She is the president and chair of Beaucare (a community welfare organisation) and is a committee member of Regional Development Australia Ipswich and West Moreton Inc.

She is a Member of the Beaudesert Show Society, Beaucare, Justices Association of Queensland, the Australian Institute of Company Directors as well as an Honorary Member of Beaudesert U3A, Probus and the Beaudesert Race Club.

Jennifer lives on a rural property just outside of Beaudesert with her family on a 'Land for Wildlife' property.



CR RICK STANFIELD
Division 5

Cr Rick Stanfield was elected to Council in 2012 having previously served four terms on the former Boonah Shire Council.

Rick has a deep understanding of the issues and needs of his division, with his family's connection to the area dating back to 1877. He was educated at Boonah primary and high schools.

He worked with at-risk youth for a number of years before gaining his trade in the building industry. He has a farming and small business background and a strong interest in preserving lost trades and skills. He is one of the few practising wheelwrights in Australia today. He breeds and shows Clydesdale horses and has been involved in the Brisbane and Sydney Royal shows. He has also been a triathlete and marathon runner.

Rick has been an active member of a number of community groups in the area, in particular those with a focus on community and business development. He has also represented his community on a diverse range of government and semi-government organisations.

He understands retaining the country lifestyle treasured is paramount while encouraging the development of small business will complement that lifestyle and boost job growth.



CR DUNCAN MCINNES
Division 6

Cr Duncan McInnes has lived all his life at Radford. He is married to Mary and they have four daughters, with three of them and their families living within the Scenic Rim.

He is involved in a family dairy farming enterprise which produces in excess of four million litres of milk annually. He also operates a lucerne and cropping farm.

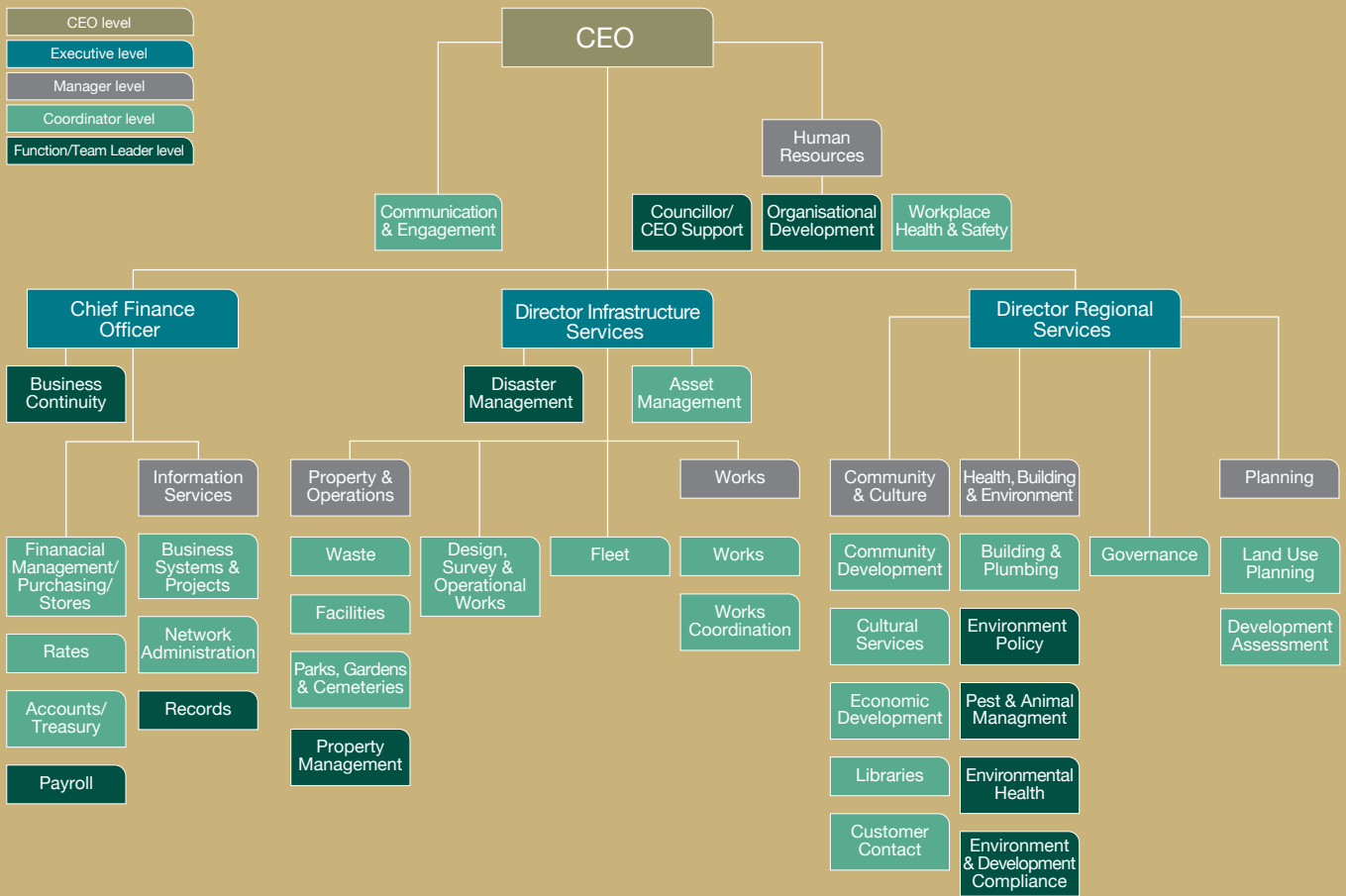
Duncan is passionate about the region in which he lives and his focus is on supporting its youth, providing services to the community, creating jobs, attracting new businesses, reducing red tape, stopping coal seam gas exploitation, supporting farmers and primary producers and promoting the unique and diverse beauty of the Scenic Rim.

He has spent over 30 years being involved within the wider dairying community having served as a director at local, state and national levels and has represented his industry internationally.

He has also been actively involved in his local community for all of his adult life and is a Justice of the Peace.

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

A key responsibility of Council is the adoption of an organisational structure that is appropriate to the performance of the local government's responsibilities. The chart below depicts Scenic Rim Regional Council's organisational structure as at 30 June 2015.



ORGANISATIONAL VALUES

The personal and collective performance of Council's staff is critical to the attainment of the organisation's goals. To help achieve these outcomes, the staff body adheres to the following values:

Respect

We act respectfully to each other, accepting each person's individuality and their role.

Trust

We build strong relationships that we believe in and rely on.

Teamwork

We work cooperatively to achieve common goals, drawing on the strengths of each other, in a supportive and safe environment.

Communication

We actively promote clear, concise and open discussion between staff, Council and communities.

Quality

We have pride in whatever we do, and strive to do it well.

Staff worth

Our actions demonstrate that our people matter.

Honesty

We act with integrity and when we ask an honest question, we get an honest answer.

Accountability

We accept ownership of our role and responsibility for our actions.

EXECUTIVE TEAM

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) is Council's principal officer. The position of CEO has a statutory role to implement the elected Council's decisions; to manage Council's affairs on a day-to-day basis; to organise reports to the Council; to conduct correspondence of the Council; to manage and oversee the administration of the Council and its Corporate Plan; and, to coordinate the activities of all employees. These outcomes are administered by an Executive Team comprising the CEO, Director Infrastructure Services, Director Regional Services and Chief Finance Officer.



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER - CRAIG BARKE

Craig commenced his term as Council's CEO in August 2008 and has over 20 years' experience in a range of government, corporate and financial management roles. He has worked nationally and internationally in senior financial roles in both the private and public sectors. Craig is chair of the board of UnitingCare Queensland as well as being chair of its Governance Committee. He was also a member of the Queensland Urban Utilities establishment committee and interim board. Craig has a Bachelor of Commerce, holds a Master of Business Administration and is a Certified Practising Accountant. Craig is passionate about the future growth of the Scenic Rim region and is committed to delivering the region's economic development potential for the benefit of the community. Craig is proud of the many unique townships throughout the region and is an advocate of developing the tourism industry.



CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER - KELLY STIDWORTHY

Kelly joined Council in January 2013 as Finance Manager and was appointed to the role of Chief Finance Officer in April 2014. She has more than 12 years' experience in local government including financial management roles with the City of Darwin and Narrabri Shire Council. She holds a Bachelor of Business and is a Certified Practising Accountant. As Chief Finance Officer, Kelly is responsible for the management of Council's Finance and Information Services departments. Kelly has developed expertise in Financial Sustainability, Long Term Financial Forecasting, Asset Management, Audit and Risk Management, Insurance, Financial Reporting, Procurement, Major Projects Analysis, IT Strategy, Records Management and Business Continuity/Disaster Management. Kelly is committed to improving the systems of Council through the introduction of new technologies and ensuring that Council remains financially sustainable.



DIRECTOR REGIONAL SERVICES - TONY MAGNER

Tony Magner commenced his term with Council in 2008 and has 35 years' experience in local government, with 24 of those spent in various director roles in both New South Wales and Queensland. These positions provided extensive interaction with the community as well as Council administrative responsibilities. Tony holds a Bachelor of Business and, as a member of the Local Government Managers Association, is an advocate for continuous improvement and accountability across all aspects of Council. As Director Regional Services, Tony is committed to community engagement and consultation and leads a highly customer-focused team, managing functions vital to the future growth, sustainability and enhancement of the Scenic Rim region.



DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES - PATRICK MURPHY

Patrick Murphy has been a director within local government for more than 21 years. He holds a Bachelor of Engineering, a Master of Business Administration and is registered with the Board of Professional Engineers Queensland. Patrick is an Emeritus Member of the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia and an active member of its Queensland Branch. He is currently a member of the Board of Trustees for the Queensland Foundation for Public Works Engineering. Patrick has been involved in developing various engineering guidelines that are used nationally, and is Chair of the Scenic Valleys Regional Road Group Technical Committee. He has particular interests in managing assets sustainably to ensure future communities are not burdened by declining or premature failure of assets. A resident of Scenic Rim, Patrick is passionate about the region and delivering sustainable infrastructure services to its community.



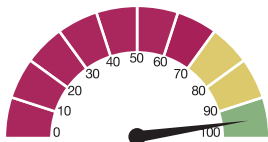
PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS

COUNCIL CONTINUES TO DELIVER ON THE SHARED VISION FOR THE REGION CAPTURED IN THE SCENIC RIM COMMUNITY PLAN 2011-26. THESE DESIRED OUTCOMES FORM THE BASIS OF THE ORGANISATION'S STRATEGIC AND OPERATIONAL INITIATIVES. A SELECTION OF ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2014-15 ARE HIGHLIGHTED AND EXPLAINED IN GREATER DETAIL THROUGHOUT THIS REPORT.

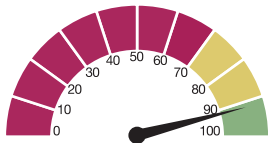
Operational Plan Outcomes

Overall delivery of annual projects and ongoing programs captured in the 2014-15 Operational Plan surpassed 93%. Council's Operational Plan details the yearly objectives of the organisation in delivering on the strategic outcomes of the Scenic Rim Corporate Plan 2013-18.

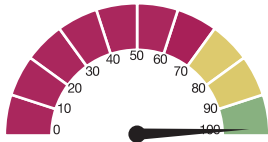
Of the 134 separate objectives identified as key performance indicators in the 2014-15 Operational Plan, 51 actions exceeded 90% of the target, eight achieved between 90%-70% of target, while one was below the 70% target threshold. Of the remaining objectives 62 were ongoing programs, while 12 had no target.



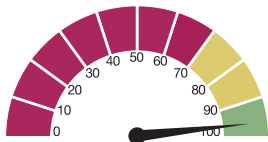
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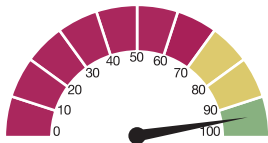
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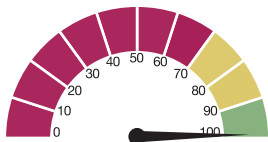
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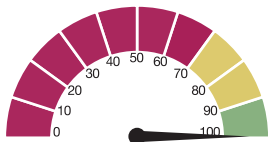
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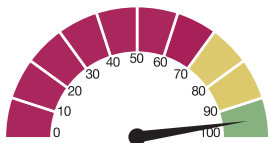
VIBRANT TOWNS & VILLAGES



ACCESSIBLE & SERVICED REGION



HEALTHY, ENGAGED & RESOURCEFUL COMMUNITIES



ORGANISATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY

SPECTACULAR SCENERY & HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT

- New landfill cell commissioned at Central Landfill Bromelton.
- Gas extraction system installed in old landfill.
- Strong recycling rates achieved.
- 10-year Waste Reduction and Recycling Plan developed.
- Weed control works undertaken along sections of Warrill Creek, Sandy Creek, Bremer River and Albert River.
- Approximately 64,000 trees planted or distributed.
- Land For Wildlife program extended to 235 properties.
- \$74,000 in Environmental Grants awarded to community organisations
- 63% return/rehoming rate for impounded dogs.

SUSTAINABLE & PROSPEROUS ECONOMY

- More than 22,000 participants in Eat Local Week and Winter Harvest Festival.
- Scenic Rim Business Excellence Awards program and small business workshops delivered.
- Bromelton State Development Area opportunities promoted, including DVD launch.
- Tourism promotion via television commercials, participation in Give Me Brisbane Any Day campaign and Regional Harvest display at Brisbane Ekka.

OPEN & RESPONSIVE GOVERNMENT

- 266 media releases issued for publication and broadcast.
- 9% increase in Council website visitation.
- 60% increase in Facebook audience.
- 50% increase in Twitter followers.
- Local Law review completed.

RELAXED LIVING & RURAL LIFESTYLE

- New Planning Scheme development passes significant milestones.
- Flood studies completed for Bremer River, Warrill Creek and Logan River.
- Increase in development applications processed.

VIBRANT TOWNS & VILLAGES

- \$27.5 million Beaudesert Town Centre Bypass co-funding agreement signed with State Government.
- \$1 million Vibrant and Active Towns and Villages Initiative launched to deliver community infrastructure improvements.
- Parks and Amenities Strategy developed.
- More than \$154,000 in Community Grants distributed to local organisations.
- Beautification projects undertaken in Beaudesert town centre.

ACCESSIBLE & SERVICED REGION

- Disaster restoration program completed at a cost of more than \$100 million.
- Edward O'Neill, Newman, Kriederman, Gorge Creek, Murphy and Geiger bridges replaced.
- Major rehabilitation of Newton, Lambert and Sharp bridges.
- Concrete floodways replaced at Munbilla Rd.
- Improvements to Kerry Rd and Coleyville Rd.
- Stormwater drainage improvements at Beacon Rd, Arenga Dr and Justin Ave.
- 81km of bitumen road resealed.
- 144.5km of gravel road re-sheeted.
- 75km of road shoulders re-sheeted.
- 338km of gravel road graded.

HEALTHY, ENGAGED & RESOURCEFUL COMMUNITIES

- Strong patronage of cultural centres.
- Anzac Centenary project War Stories and Our Town developed and implemented.
- Libraries Strategic Plan 2015-2019 adopted with focus towards digital technology and community learning.
- Disaster readiness maintained and flood warning devices installed.

ORGANISATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY

- Assessed by Queensland Audit Office as having a low financial sustainability risk.
- ICT Strategic Plan developed providing for transition to cloud storage.
- Delegation of Powers reviewed and expanded.
- Risk Management processes strengthened.



COMMUNITY FINANCIAL REPORT

THE COMMUNITY FINANCIAL REPORT PROVIDES AN ANALYSIS OF COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE AND POSITION FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR AS DISCLOSED IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ATTACHED TO THIS REPORT.

COMMUNITY FINANCIAL REPORT

Council is required to prepare a community financial report each year in accordance with Section 179 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

The Community Financial Report is required to:

- Contain a summary and analysis of Council's financial performance and position for the financial year;
- Be consistent with the general purpose financial statement for the financial year;
- Include the relevant measures of financial sustainability for the financial year; and
- Be written in a way that can be easily understood by the community.

This Community Financial Report complies with the above requirements and covers the financial performance and position of Scenic Rim Regional Council for the financial year ended 30 June 2015.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Council is required to prepare a set of general purpose financial statements each year in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 2009, Local Government Regulation 2012 and Australian Accounting Standards.

The financial statements are required to be independently audited. The audited financial statements, as set out on pages 56 to 96 set out the financial performance, financial position, cash flows and net wealth of Council for the financial year ended 30 June 2015, incorporating four financial statements and accompanying notes.

Statement of Comprehensive Income

This statement outlines:

- All sources of Council's income (revenue);
- All recurrent expenditure; and
- Capital expenses relating to the write off of non-current assets.

Both recurrent revenue and capital revenue are reported in the Statement of Comprehensive Income but only recurrent expenditure is recognised. Capital expenditure is recognised in the Statement of Financial Position.

Recurrent is also referred to as operating because the income and expenditure relate to operations and maintenance and not capital although depreciation of assets is included.

Statement of Financial Position

This statement outlines what Council owns (assets) and what it owes (liabilities) at a point in time. Council's net wealth is determined by deducting total liabilities from total assets; the larger the net equity, the stronger the financial position.

Statement of Cash Flows

This statement summarises the actual flows of cash for a period and explains the change in the cash balance held from the start of the period through to the end of the reporting period. Cash flows are separated into operating, investing and financing activities.

Operating activities include the normal transactions of conducting Council's day-to-day business while investing activities include the purchase and sale of assets and receipt of capital grants, subsidies and contributions. Financing activities include loan income and repayment of debt. The 'cash at the end of the reporting period' equals the amount reported as 'cash and cash equivalents' in the Statement of Financial Position.

Statement of Changes in Equity

This statement summarises the change in Council's real worth throughout the financial year. Council's net worth can change as a result of:

- A surplus or deficit as recorded in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.
- An increase or decrease in the net value of non-current assets resulting from a revaluation of those assets.

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

Total Income

Council's income is derived from various sources and a breakdown of Council's 2014-15 income is shown on the following page.

Rates and utility charges are Council's main source of recurrent income, however, other types of income such as fees and charges, sale of contract and recoverable works and grants and contributions are also important sources of funding.

Total income received during 2014-15 was \$88.0M, which was an increase of \$1.1M from the previous year.

Rates and utility charges were \$2.5M higher than the previous year. This is in line with the budgeted rate increase including growth allowance with rates and utility charges of \$41.6M budgeted for in

Overview

Scenic Rim Regional Council's key financial results for the financial year ended 30 June 2015 are:

Key Results	2014-15
Total Income	\$88.0M
Total Expenses	\$65.2M
Net Result	\$22.8M
Operating Surplus	\$6.1M
Total Assets	\$776.8M
Total Liabilities	\$31.9M
Net Assets	\$744.9M

2014-15. Fees and charges were \$0.4M higher than the previous year predominantly due to an increase in building and planning fees.

Interest received was \$0.3M lower than the previous year due to lower interest rates.

Sale of contract and recoverable works income were \$0.3M higher than the previous year and in line with 2014-15 budget.

Operating grants and contributions were \$2.0M higher than the previous year due to a change in the timing of Financial Assistance Grant payments the previous year resulting in \$1.6M less paid in 2013-14, which was received in 2014-15.

The share of profit from associate is Council's share of profits from Queensland Urban Utilities (QUU), in which it has an ownership interest of 1.042%.

Further information on QUU is contained at Note 12 of the audited financial statements. Other revenues are \$0.2M lower than the previous year.

Capital grants and contributions were \$4.3M lower than the previous year. This is predominantly due to flood damage restoration works grant funding received under the National Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA).

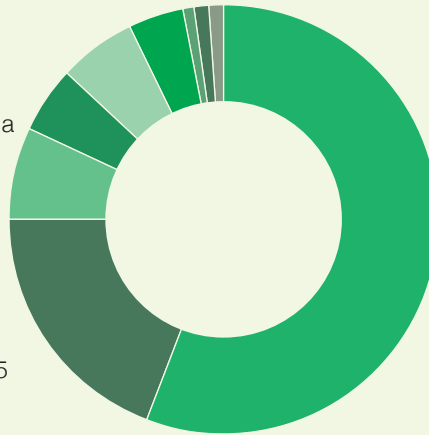
The expenditure associated with this program is shown in the Statement of Financial Position. Further information on the NDRRA program is contained at Note 24 of the audited financial statements.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE 2014-15

Capital expenditure of \$45.7 million occurred in 2014-15 and is summarised below by major category. Council is the custodian of community assets and infrastructure, including land which have a gross value of \$820 million.

Council's asset management strategies place significant emphasis on costs associated with replacing and renewing existing infrastructure and, where required, contains plans for new capital expenditure to meet the needs of a growing population.

In accordance with Council's strategies, the 2014-15 capital works program consists largely of renewal capital works where Council spent \$33.7 million on renewal works and \$12 million on new works.



- 56% NDRRA Flood Restoration - \$25.4M
- 19% Roads - \$8.8M
- 7% Bridges - \$3.2M
- 5% Facilities, Parks & Gardens - \$2.1M
- 6% Vehicles, Plant & Equipment - \$3M
- 4% Waste Management - \$2M
- 1% Drainage - \$0.4M
- 1% Footpaths - \$0.3M
- 1% Other Projects - \$0.5M

Total Expenses

Council provides a wide range of services to the community and in doing so incurs a variety of expenses. A breakdown of Council's 2014-15 expenses is shown on the facing page.

Employee benefits have decreased by \$1.9M from the previous year due to lower wages and salaries resulting from Council's restructure undertaken in 2014.

This has also lowered costs associated

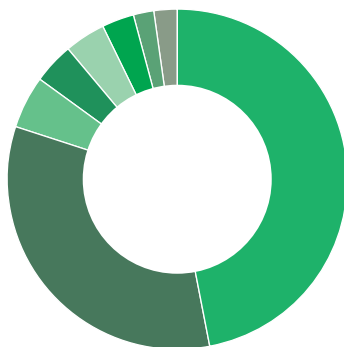
with employee entitlements and superannuation.

Materials and services have decreased by \$0.9M from the previous year. This predominantly relates to lower legal costs. Finance costs are the interest on loans taken out by Council and these have not increased from the previous year.

Depreciation and amortisation expenses are non-cash and represent the reduction of the value of non-current assets

as a result of wear and tear, age, or obsolescence. Non-current assets are shown in the Statement of Financial Position. Capital expenses represent the write off or the written down value of non-current assets because they have been disposed of. This can occur through sale or obsolescence and generally occurs when an asset is replaced.

The increase from the previous year of \$9.7M relates to road and bridge write offs resulting from replacements occurring through flood restoration works undertaken as part of the NDRRA program. Capital expenses are non-cash.



TOTAL INCOME 2014-15

- 47% Rates & Utility Charges
- 33% Grants & Contributions - Capital
- 5% Fees & Charges
- 4% Grants & Contributions, Operating
- 4% Sale of Contract & Recoverable Works
- 3% Other Revenues
- 2% Interest & Investment Revenue
- 2% Share of Profit from Associate

Operating Result

The operating surplus/(deficit) is the net result excluding capital items related to income and expenses. A surplus indicates revenue raised covers operational expenses and there is an amount available equivalent to the surplus for capital funding purposes or other purposes. A deficit indicates revenue raised does not cover operational expenses. Council's operating surplus in 2014-15 was \$6.1M.

FINANCIAL POSITION

Total Assets

Assets consist of current assets, which can be converted to cash in less than one year and non-current assets, which would most likely take longer than a year to convert to cash. A breakdown of Council's assets is shown on the facing page.

The increase in cash and investments from the previous year of \$4.8M predominantly relates to an improvement in Council's operating position and a reduction in the amount of unspent grants and

Total Income	2014-15	2013-14	2012-13
Rates & Utility Charges	\$41.6M	\$39.1M	\$35.1M
Fees & Charges	\$4.3M	\$3.9M	\$3.4M
Interest & Investment Revenue	\$1.9M	\$2.2M	\$2.4M
Sale of Contract & Recoverable Works	\$3.8M	\$3.5M	\$12.5M
Grants & Contributions - Operating	\$3.6M	\$1.6M	\$6.1M
Share of Profit from Associate	\$2.0M	\$1.4M	\$1.1M
Other Revenues	\$2.1M	\$2.3M	\$1.9M
Grants & Contributions - Capital	\$28.7M	\$33.0M	\$39.1M
Capital Income	\$0.0M	\$0.0M	\$0.5M
Total Income	\$88.0M	\$86.9M	\$102.1M

contributions held at 30 June of \$1.9M. Trade and other receivables decreased by \$5.6M from the previous year, which relates to the recognition of higher accrued income for NDRRA flood restoration works in the previous year. Other assets consist of inventories, other assets, non current assets held for sale and intangible assets.

The loan balance of \$14.7M represents Council's loan to QUU. This is an interest only loan and payments received are recognised as interest revenue. The value of the loan represents 40% of Council's regulatory asset base that was transferred to QUU upon formation.

The investment in associate represents Council's participation rights in QUU. Upon formation of QUU, Council's participation rights represented 60% of Council's regulatory asset base. The increase of \$1.2M from the previous year is due to the recognition of Council's share of QUU returns.

The written down value of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment increased by \$21.6M over the previous year. Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment accounts for 90% of Council's total assets.

Capital works of \$45.9M were undertaken during 2014-15 including \$21.5M of flood restoration works under the NDRRA flood restoration program.

Total Liabilities

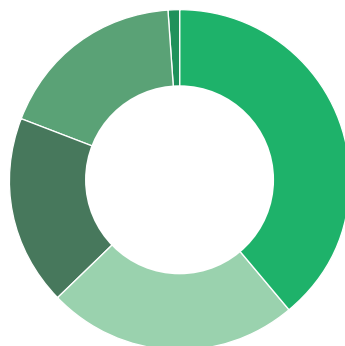
Liabilities consist of current liabilities, which are expected to be paid or settled in less than one year and non current liabilities, expected to be paid or settled in more than one year. A breakdown of Council's liabilities is shown at right.

Trade and other payables decreased by \$2.9M from the previous year. This is due to a decrease in trade creditors at 30 June.

Employee benefits increased by \$0.1M from the previous year. Employee benefits represent the amount required under the accounting standards to be set aside to fund employee entitlements for annual leave and long service leave.

Borrowings increased by \$3.4M from the previous year due to the draw down of a \$4M loan in June 2015 offset by \$0.6M in repayments of loan principle.

Provisions consist of rehabilitation provisions for quarries and waste disposal sites.



TOTAL EXPENSES 2014-15

- 39% Employee Benefits
- 24% Materials & Services
- 18% Depreciation & Amortisation
- 18% Capital Expenses
- 1% Finance Costs

Total Expenses	2014-15	2013-14	2012-13
Employee Benefits	\$25.2M	\$27.1M	\$26.6M
Materials & Services	\$15.7M	\$16.6M	\$23.1M
Finance Costs	\$0.8M	\$0.8M	\$0.6M
Depreciation & Amortisation	\$11.5M	\$11.6M	\$9.3M
Capital Expense Adjustments	\$12.0M	\$2.3M	\$9.8M
Total Expenses	\$65.2M	\$58.4M	\$69.4M

Operating Result	2014-15	2013-14	2012-13
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	\$6.1M	(\$2.2M)	\$2.9M

Total Assets	2014-15	2013-14	2012-13
Cash & Investments	\$19.2M	\$14.3M	\$22.2M
Trade & Other Receivables	\$8.1M	\$13.7M	\$16.6M
Other Assets	\$4.0M	\$4.1M	\$2.9M
Loans	\$14.7M	\$14.7M	\$14.7M
Investment in Associate	\$31.9M	\$30.7M	\$30.0M
Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	\$698.9M	\$677.3M	\$667.3M
Total Assets	\$776.8M	\$754.8M	\$753.7M

Total Liabilities	2014-15	2013-14	2012-13
Trade & Other Payables	\$3.5M	\$6.4M	\$5.8M
Employee Benefits	\$9.5M	\$9.4M	\$9.7M
Borrowings	\$17.9M	\$14.5M	\$11.1M
Provisions	\$1.0M	\$3.3M	\$3.2M
Total Liabilities	\$31.9M	\$33.7M	\$29.8M

Net Community Assets and Equity

Net community assets and equity are represented by what Council owns (total assets) less what is owed (total liabilities). Community equity increased by \$23.8M from the previous year, which is the value of total comprehensive income from the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

CASH FLOWS

The Statement of Cash Flows outlines where Council received its cash from and

where it was subsequently spent.

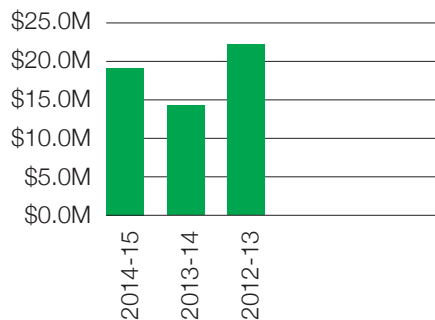
Net cash from operating activities increased by \$7.1M from the previous year.

Net cash used in investing activities decreased by \$5.7M from the previous year.

Net cash from financing activities decreased by \$0.1M from the previous year.

Year End Cash Balance

Council's year end cash balance was \$19.2M as at 30 June 2015.



FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY INDICATORS

Section 104(2) of the *Local Government Act 2009* provides the following definition of financial sustainability:

A local government is financially sustainable if the local government is able to maintain its financial capital and infrastructure capital over the long term.

Financial sustainability is a strategy and ratios are used as point-in-time measurements to assess the outcomes of the strategy. The Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning has developed financial sustainability indicators to assist in the assessment of the long-term financial sustainability of councils.

Section 169(5) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* outlines three measures of financial sustainability that all Queensland local governments must report on:

- Asset Sustainability Ratio
- Net Financial Liabilities Ratio
- Operating Surplus Ratio

The measurement of the above ratios is in accordance with the *Financial Management (Sustainability) Guideline 2013*.

Why is financial sustainability important?

Local governments are responsible for directly providing residents with a wide range of public services and community infrastructure and facilities. This requires local governments to hold and maintain a significant base of infrastructure assets, which necessitates not only substantial initial investments but also continued expenditure to maintain and renew assets over the course of their respective useful lives.

The outcomes of Council's financial sustainability strategy are as follows:

Net Community Assets	2014-15	2013-14	2012-13
Net Assets	\$744.9M	\$721.1M	\$723.9M

Community Equity	2014-15	2013-14	2012-13
Accumulated Surplus	\$529.8M	\$507.0M	\$478.4M
Asset Revaluation Surplus	\$215.1M	\$214.0M	\$245.4M
Total Equity	\$744.9M	\$721.1M	\$723.9M

Cash Flows	2014-15	2013-14	2012-13
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from:			
Operating Activities	\$16.6M	\$9.5M	\$10.0M
Investing Activities	(\$15.1M)	(\$20.8M)	(\$23.4M)
Financing Activities	\$3.4M	\$3.5M	\$3.6M
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash Held	\$4.9M	(\$7.9M)	(\$9.8M)

- To allow for the adequate provision for programs (including capital expenditure) and services into the future without having to introduce substantial or disruptive revenue (and expenditure) adjustments; and
- To allow for the equitable distribution of the costs of establishing and maintaining community assets and services between current and future ratepayers.

The Queensland Audit Office's report to State Parliament on the outcomes of local government audits for 2013-14 rated Scenic Rim Regional Council as having a low risk of financial sustainability concerns. Council is committed to remaining financially sustainable through appropriate levels of service provision.

Asset Sustainability Ratio

Definition:

An approximation of the extent to which the infrastructure assets managed by Council are being replaced as they reach the end of their useful lives.

How is it calculated?

Capital expenditure on replacement of assets (renewals) divided by depreciation expenditure.

Why is it important?

Assists in identifying Council's asset base consumption and renewal levels and capacity to fund the level of investment needed over the long-term.

Target:

Greater than 90% per annum (on average over the long-term).

Council's asset sustainability ratio for 2014-15 was 367% and is forecast to remain above 90% over the next ten years. This means that Council is likely to be sufficiently maintaining, replacing or renewing existing infrastructure assets as they reach the end of their useful life.

While Council's asset sustainability ratio for 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 appear high compared to other years this is due to the impact of the NDRRA flood restoration program on renewal expenditure.

Net Financial Liabilities Ratio

Definition:

An indicator of the extent to which the net financial liabilities of Council can be serviced by its operating revenues.

How is it calculated?

Total liabilities less current assets divided by total operating revenue (excluding capital items).

Why is it important?

Assists in identifying Council's financial capacity and the ability to fund ongoing operations over the long-term.

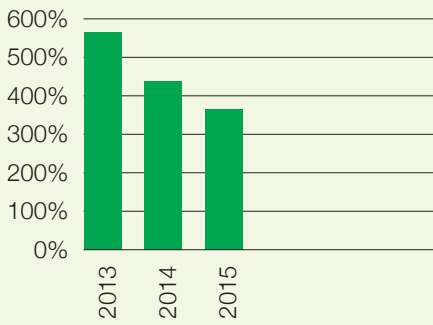
Target:

Less than 60% per annum (on average over the long-term).

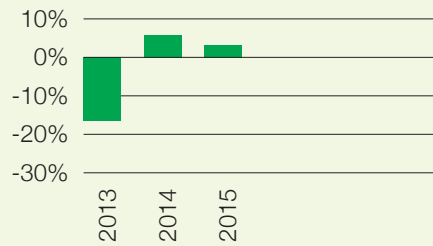
Council's net financial liabilities ratio for 2014-15 was 2.9% and is forecast to remain less than 60% over the next ten years. This means that Council has the capacity to comfortably fund its liabilities.

A negative indicator means that current assets exceed total liabilities and that

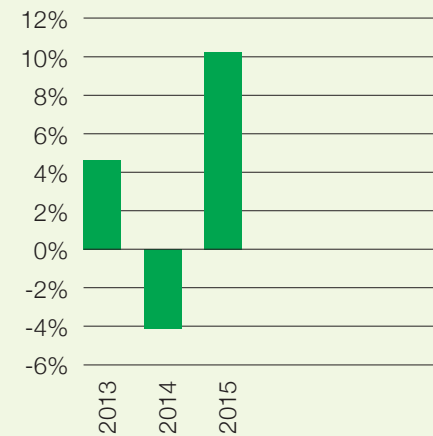
ASSET SUSTAINABILITY RATIO



NET FINANCIAL LIABILITIES RATIO



OPERATING SURPLUS RATIO



Council has the capacity to increase loan borrowings if required.

Operating Surplus Ratio

Definition:

An indicator of the extent to which revenue raised covers operational expenses only or are available for capital funding purposes or other purposes.

How is it calculated?

Net result (excluding capital items) divided by total operating revenue (excluding capital items).

Why is it important?

Assists in identifying Council's financial capacity and the ability to fund ongoing operations over the long-term.

Target:

Between 0% and 10% per annum (on average over the long-term).

Council's operating surplus ratio for 2014-15 was 10.2%. Council was forecasting an operating surplus ratio of 5.7% for 2014-15 and the improvement in the result relates to total recurrent revenue being higher than

the forecast and total recurrent expenditure being lower than the forecast at the end of the financial year.

The operating surplus ratio is forecast to remain between 0% and 10% over the next ten years.

This means that Council is expecting to generate healthy levels of revenues that can be used to fund proposed capital expenditure and debt repayments, and is less likely to compromise the levels of service expected by ratepayers.



SPECTACULAR SCENERY & HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT

COUNCIL RECOGNISES THE REGION'S UNIQUE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AND WILL PROACTIVELY AND SUSTAINABLY WORK TO PRESERVE AND ENHANCE IT IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR COMMUNITY.

RIVERINE MANAGEMENT

Council again provided funding and in-kind assistance to enable Scenic Rim Rivers Improvement Trust to continue its program to eradicate environmental weeds from local waterways.

During 2014-15 eradication works were performed in the following stream sections:

- Warrill Creek at Fassifern Reserve;
- Bremer River upstream of Rosevale township;
- Albert River section between Lost World and Kerry Bridge; and
- Sandy Creek above Carneys Creek Road.

In partnership with SEQ Catchments, works were also undertaken to eradicate Chinese Celtis, Cats Claw Vine, Giant Reed, Madira Vine and Broad-leaved Privet along the upper reaches of Warrill Creek, Claytons Gully, Gap Creek and Bible Creek.

REGIONAL HABITAT PROTECTION

Council's Habitat Protection Program plays a crucial role in improving land management partnerships between Council, landowners and the community, enhancing the protection of the region's valuable natural assets.

Council recognises the significant contribution by landowners to the conservation and enhancement of the region's natural resources. Through the Habitat Protection Program, landholders can participate in initiatives including Land for Wildlife, Conservation Agreements and Nature Refuges.

In 2014-15, the Queensland Government acknowledged the program's proactive approach to environmental management by allowing Council to work with land owners to obtain State Government's Nature Refuge status. Council is one of only two local government areas statewide recognised in this manner.

MILLION TREES PROGRAM

In 2013-14 Council launched an ambitious plan to see one million native trees planted across the region by 2030.

Planting a tree is a simple way to enhance our environment. Planting one million trees however, has the ability to significantly alter the regional landscape, creating positive environmental change while enhancing our natural resources. Council's Million Trees Program has achieved more than 130,000 new plantings since its

inception and within five years it is the organisation's intent to have facilitated the planting of 10 trees for every man, woman and child living in the Scenic Rim. This equates to more than 380,000 trees.

ENVIRONMENTAL GRANTS PROGRAM

Council's annual Environmental Grants Program aims to encourage and assist the community in the management of the local environment for the benefit of the Scenic Rim region.

Council provided \$74,000 in funding for the program in 2014-15 and received 18 applications from the community. Funding requests totalled \$135,000, an over-subscription of 75%. Successful applicants in 2014-15 delivered \$194,000 of in-kind support and co-investment.

GREEN ARMY INITIATIVE

Scenic Rim was successful in obtaining multiple Green Army teams as part of the Commonwealth Government environmental and employment initiative.

Since early 2015, these teams have been engaged in undertaking environmental work across the region, such as weeding, tree planting, habitat restoration and environmental monitoring. As at 30 June, the teams had planted 4,500 trees and rehabilitated several hectares of bushland in Canungra.

ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING

Council's environmental planners delivered a number of strategic projects in 2014-15.

This included a draft Regional Biodiversity Strategy, a 10 year vision focusing on the protection and enhancement the natural assets of the Scenic Rim. Council also delivered a draft Scenic Rim Flying Fox Management Strategy, providing a framework on how flying foxes and their impact can be managed regionwide.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Council delivered a number of environmental awareness and educational events.

These include school holiday activities, partnerships with Healthy Waterways and Queensland Education helping teachers to improve the delivery of environmental education, and a partnership with SEQ Catchment for a series of workshops across the region, encouraging environmental best practice in agriculture.

SALINITY

Council, in partnership with SEQ Catchments, has worked to address salinity issues in the Roadvale and Purga areas, with the installation of a number of Piezometers for monitoring the salinity of ground water and working with local land holders to better manage the issues.

Environmental Management Programs	2013-14	2014-15
Bushland Reserves	150	152
Land for Wildlife Properties	226	235
Environmental Grants provided	18	14
Conservation Agreements signed	15	16

Council Nursery Trees Planted	2013-14	2014-15
Distributed under Free Trees Program	7,784	7,463
Trees Planted in Parks, Gardens & Cemeteries	290	211
Shrubs, grasses and ground covers planted in Parks, Gardens & Cemeteries	4,478	7,515
Rural Trees Program, National Tree Day and in-kind donations	17,468	4,570

Outsourced Trees Planted	2013-14	2014-15
Revegetation Plantings on Council lands	1,000	4,600
Partnership Plantings with Community Groups and Landholders (Land for Wildlife, etc)	23,200	17,165
Rural Trees Program	14,500	22,455



Council commissioned a landfill gas extraction system within the old landfill cell at Bromelton. The system reduces the methane emissions generated by decomposing waste by capturing this gas and burning it off in a process known as flaring, which is a better environmental outcome.

Weekly Kerbside Collection Services (waste bin only)	2013-14	2014-15
Domestic Services	13,006	13,464
Commercial	1,141	1,169

Recycling Statistics	2013-14	2014-15
Green waste mulched:		
- Tonnes	5,224	3,617
- Cubic metres	17,413	12,058
Waste Oil (litres)	38,420	45,100
Tyres (number)	1,783	1,143
Batteries (tonnes)	36	37
Scrap Metal (tonnes)	1,533	1,370
Refrigeration units degassed	1,466	1,043
Cardboard (tonnes)	635	676
Mixed Recyclables (Kerbside collection, other glass and plastics (tonnes)	2,869	2,902
E-waste (tonnes)	148	44

Waste Processed (tonnes)	2013-14	2014-15
Received at transfer stations:		
Beaudesert	1,391	1,581
Canungra	1,036	1,186
Rathdowney	377	456
Tamborine Mountain	1,227	1,468
Boonah	1,467	1,566
Kalbar	163	141
Peak Crossing	303	334
Total	5,964	6,732
Deposited into Central Landfill	34,101	35,868

BUSHFIRE MITIGATION

As part of ongoing efforts to improve the management of unplanned fires on Council lands, five new fire trails and 10 new fire breaks were constructed in 2014-15. This work will improve public safety and allow Council to better manage these reserves for their biodiversity value.

ENERGY AUDIT

Council undertook a review of its energy usage in 2014-15. This energy audit provided council with a range of options to reduce energy use and improve its economic and environmental sustainability.

WASTE REDUCTION AND RECYCLING PLAN

During 2014-15, Council developed a 10 year waste reduction and recycling plan, the 2025 Vision on Waste. The plan is a regulatory requirement for Council under the *Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011*. The document takes into consideration regional growth, community behaviour, education, current Council infrastructure and operations as well as the intended targets identified in the Queensland Waste Avoidance and Resource Productivity Strategy.

Through ongoing community education and promotion of Council's waste services, the plan aims to reduce waste and increase resource recovery in the Scenic Rim region.

LANDFILL OPERATIONS

Council's Bromelton Central Landfill facility is the final disposal point for domestic rubbish collected from local kerbsides or trucked in from waste transfer stations. During 2014-15 a new waste disposal

cell was constructed at the facility at a cost of approximately \$1.9 million. The new cell was designed and constructed by Council's workforce, with the assistance of specialist contractors. It commenced operation in October 2014 and is expected to accommodate more than 200,000 tonnes of waste. Based on current projections the new cell will have an operational lifespan of six years, providing for the waste disposal needs of the region to 2020.

Council partnered with LMS Energy to install a landfill gas extraction system within the decommissioned landfill cell at Bromelton. Methane emissions are an environmentally harmful greenhouse gas by-product of decomposing waste. Capturing and burning off this gas in a process known as flaring provides a better environmental outcome than allowing the methane to entirely escape into the atmosphere. The landfill gas extraction system comprises 15 gas wells, drilled to an average depth of 13 metres across the old landfill site, and approximately 1,000 metres of underground gas pipes connected to a combustion unit which flares the gas.

WASTE EDUCATION PROGRAM

Council's waste education strategies aim to minimise waste generation and improve recycling efficiencies, with school-based education programs encouraging greater household involvement.

Council's Waste Education Officer visited 17 schools and education facilities during 2014-15 and educated approximately 670 children and students on the importance of reducing waste. Waste education was also present at the Beaudesert Show and Council actively participated in Clean

Up Australia Day, National Recycling Week and World Environment Day. Two new initiatives were implemented during the year and have become highlights of the program. The design and introduction of Gary Green as a Waste Education Mascot (*pictured below*) was a great success and will be a useful promotional tool. The commencement of Living Green educational workshops, held in conjunction with Council's free tree distribution days, has become an additional service to residents providing information about composting, reducing waste at home as well as native plants and property management.

PEST MANAGEMENT

Council's Rangers continue to inspect properties regionwide to identify infestations of declared pest plants. This inspection program is carried out in accordance with Council's Pest Management Plan. Council has also performed duties in relation to the management of declared pest animals, in particular wild dog control. During the year, the Health Building and Environment Department developed a Wild Dog Action Plan. This plan provides the platform for wild dog control within the region. The plan will also form part of a new Biosecurity Plan that Council will develop in 2015-16. Activities such as regional 1080 baiting programs, trapping, monitoring and attendance at community events form part of this action plan.

Council's Environmental Policy and Services section also treated 2,153 km of State controlled roadside as part of the Department of Transport and Main Roads contract for managing Class 2 pest plants across the Scenic Rim. To improve the coordination and effectiveness of

this work, details are captured on field computers and analysed on Council's GIS mapping system to guide future weed treatments.

ANIMAL MANAGEMENT

Council's Rangers continue to proactively inspect and investigate issues relating to domestic animals and livestock. The team works closely with animal welfare organisations to re-home unclaimed impounded animals and attend community events to discuss regional concerns relating to responsible pet ownership and other operational activities. To address community expectations, operational procedures for dealing with animal rehoming and animals in disasters were reviewed. The disaster management operational procedure provides guidance to rangers when performing their role and assisting the community during an event.

COMPLIANCE SERVICES

Council's Environment and Development Compliance program focused on providing a high level of customer service in response to a range of customer requests relating to matters such as unlawful development, non-compliant development, sediment pollution and breaches of local laws. Where enforcement action was undertaken, most matters were successfully resolved without the need for legal action. One prosecution was successfully undertaken in the Beaudesert Magistrates Court where the defendants pleaded guilty to offences related to not complying with a local law compliance notice. Audits of developments with higher potential for environmental and amenity impacts continue, with a range of developments being assessed across the region.



Dogs	2013-14	2014-15
Registered at end of period	4,747	4,930
Impounded	323	332
Impounded & returned to owner	105	119
Impounded and rehomed	128	91
Impounded and euthanised	90	122

Cats	2013-14	2014-15
Impounded	220	335
Impounded and Returned to owner	19	19
Impounded and re-homed	56	73
Impounded and euthanised	145	243



SUSTAINABLE & PROSPEROUS ECONOMY

COUNCIL WILL ENHANCE THE REGIONAL IDENTITY, SUPPORT AND FOSTER ECONOMIC GROWTH FOR EXISTING AND NEW BUSINESS TO CREATE LOCAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN OUR REGION WHILE RECOGNISING THE VALUES AND WELLBEING OF OUR COMMUNITY.



EAT LOCAL WEEK

Agriculture and tourism contribute more than \$400 million to the Scenic Rim's regional economy each year.

Eat Local Week and its signature event, Winter Harvest Festival, provides a platform to showcase all the region has to offer, with a focus on celebrating quality food, wine and beverages produced locally and recognising the importance of the agriculture sector.

In 2015, Eat Local Week was staged over nine days (27 June to 5 July) and exceeded all expectations in relation to public participation with almost 23,000 people attending one of the 52 events which collectively made up the calendar of activities.

Council partnered with the Queensland Art Gallery and Gallery of Modern Art (QAGOMA) in 2015 to promote Eat Local Week to a wider audience. This partnership included a major launch event at the gallery, located in the heart of Brisbane's Southbank precinct, and the involvement of QAGOMA Executive Chef Josue (Josh) Lopez (*pictured top left*) as the Eat Local Week Culinary Ambassador.

It provided a major opportunity for the region's producers and tourism operators to leverage off a significant amount of media coverage and publicity generated around the event with a value of more than \$230,700 and reaching a cumulative audience of over 1.5 million people.

An estimated \$1.2 million was contributed to the regional economy during Eat Local Week, including small businesses benefiting from the increased visitor attendances at the respective events of the program.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Scenic Rim is the second fastest growing local government area per capita

in South East Queensland and the fourth fastest in the state. Council remains committed to working in partnership with business and industry, government and the local community to generate sustainable long-term employment and growth opportunities.

While agriculture and tourism remain the driving forces of the regional economy, the challenge is to develop other parts of the economy, particularly the areas of professional services, retail trade, education, industry and logistics. Council continues to promote the Scenic Rim as an attractive region for investment by business and industry through a range of channels.

The employment and investment opportunities presented by the Bromelton State Development Area, west of Beaudesert, continues to form an important focus of this activity.

In October 2014, Council launched a promotional DVD highlighting the potential of Bromelton, which is poised to become the largest privately owned industrial park in South East Queensland, an engine room for the local economy and a jobs creator for the community. It also highlighted the Scenic Rim as a destination for business, industry, tourism and agriculture. This video was

distributed to an international audience though Council's involvement in the G20 Global Café at Brisbane Town Hall in the lead up to a gathering of global leaders in November 2014. A range of potential investment opportunities in the Scenic Rim were also highlighted in the SEQ Investment Prospectus developed by the Council of Mayors (SEQ) Ltd.

SMALL BUSINESS

The success of the small business sector has a profound effect upon the economic development activities of the Scenic Rim region. According to the Australian Business Register, Scenic Rim is home to more than 4,160 registered businesses. Scenic Rim recorded annual growth of 1.2% in industry productivity in 2013-14 which was higher than the increase for Queensland of 0.9%. Through the regional Chambers of Commerce and Local Tourism Organisations, Council continues to support small businesses which are the mainstay of our local economy.

Effective economic development is dependent upon locally generated jobs and private sector investment by small-scale investors. To that end, one of the most effective avenues of engagement is to improve the information flows to small business and potential investors, and increase the coherence and





Scenic Rim Business Excellence Awards

In partnership with the combined regional chambers of commerce, representing the business communities of Beaudesert, Boonah, Kooralbyn, Canungra and Tamborine Mountain, Council staged the 2014 Scenic Rim Business Excellence Awards.

The annual awards program aims to foster and celebrate excellence in business activities throughout the Scenic Rim region and seeks to recognise business, industry and individuals for their exceptional contributions.

In 2014, more than 70 local businesses and individuals were nominated by the community for recognition through the awards, with

25 finalists selected by a judging panel to contest the nine key categories of Business Innovation, Business Marketing, Corporate Citizenship, Customer Service, Employer of Choice, Young Apprentice/Employee of the Year, Young Business Person of the Year and Business Person of the Year. Encouragement awards acknowledging individual and business achievement are also presented to two selected finalists, while the coveted Platinum Award is bestowed upon one of the category winners as overall winner.

The 2014 awards were presented at a sell-out gala dinner at The Centre Beaudesert on 28 November, hosted by LGAQ Ambassador and media personality Heather Foord.

BUSINESS INNOVATION

Qld Moto Park

BUSINESS MARKETING

Ripple Massage and Beauty

CORPORATE CITIZENSHIP

Beaudesert Early Years Centre and Kindergarten

CUSTOMER SERVICE

Beaudesert Exhaust

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Beard & Brau Farm House Brewery

BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR

Scenic Rim 4Real Milk Greg Dennis

YOUNG APPRENTICE/EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

Hoof n Paws Vets Learra Radke

YOUNG BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR

Asta's Hair Boutique Asta Brent

EMPLOYER OF CHOICE

Freedom Health and Fitness

ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD: INDIVIDUAL

DeMain Electrical Adam Stumer

ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD: BUSINESS

Mountain Minerals Makeup

PLATINUM AWARD

Scenic Rim 4Real Milk

confidence with which local enterprise is pursued. This also gives rise to better assessment of local economic assets and advantages, and leads to more robust debate about preferred business options.

In support of these objectives Council delivers a range of marketing and training workshops throughout the year.

TOURISM

Tourism is a significant industry sector in the Scenic Rim contributing over \$150 million dollars to the economy annually and employing more than 1,500 people. Council continues to work closely with the tourism industry through the Tourism Advisory Committee (TAC). This group comprises representatives from all of the tourism organisations in the region, representatives from key state and regional tourism bodies including Tourism and Events Queensland and Brisbane Marketing and Council representatives.

The TAC group provides tourism industry feedback and input to Council on topics including the Scenic Rim Tourism Strategy and the annual Tourism Marketing Plan. The group also has involvement in discussions regarding the regional Destination Tourism Plan and the Hero Experience program developed by Tourism and Events Queensland. Council and the local tourism industry participated in a number of marketing initiatives during 2014-15 including:

- Regional Harvest at the Ekka**
 Council partnered with neighbouring Lockyer Valley and Southern Downs councils to host the Regional Harvest stand in the Agriculture Pavilion at the Ekka in August 2014. Fresh produce and ingredients from all three regions were on the menu at the Regional Harvest Café run by Caroline Jones of Three Girls Skipping. Over the course of the Ekka, staff from Council gave away thousands of bright carrot-shaped bags, copies of the region's Visitor Guide and information on the myriad activities on offer in the region.
- Give Me Brisbane Any Day**
 A major promotional campaign was undertaken in partnership with Brisbane Marketing, Tourism and Events Queensland and the seven local government areas within Greater Brisbane. The campaign targeted residents of South East Queensland, particularly Brisbane, encouraging people to explore their backyard. The

campaign incorporated television, outdoor, print and digital marketing activity. An innovative inclusion in the marketing activity of this campaign were makeovers applied to four bus shelters in the Brisbane CBD. For the duration of the campaign the bus shelters were themed to represent a hot air balloon basket, seats in a rainforest and a fresh produce roadside stall.

• **Scenic Rim television commercial**

Television commercials were produced to leverage off the Give Me Brisbane Any Day campaign and to highlight some of the attractive scenery and exciting attractions available in the Scenic Rim. Both 30 seconds in duration, one commercial featured family activities and the other highlighted activities that would be of interest to couples. A longer version was also produced for use at consumer shows and presentations.

Scenic Rim Regional Council continues to provide representation on a number of key tourism related committees and forums at a national, state and regional level. These activities include the State Government's annual DestinationQ Forum, the Queensland Information Centres Association and Australia's Green Cauldron Steering Committee.

VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRES

The region's Visitor Information Centres (VICs) act as personal welcome points, providing a human face to local destinations.

Scenic Rim has a network of five VICs at Boonah, Beaudesert, Rathdowney, Canungra and Tamborine Mountain which play a vital role in providing information and advice to visitors seeking to experience the best the region has to offer which, in turn, supports local businesses and service providers.

VICs are managed by community volunteers under management agreements, with Council funding infrastructure costs in addition to providing financial support to these groups.



Eat Local Week feeds Scenic Rim economy

Scenic Rim Eat Local Week contributed more than \$1.2 million to the region's economy and attracted crowds in excess of 22,000 to events associated with the nine-day program.

Post-event evaluation of the 2015 program, which featured a calendar of more than 50 events culminating in the Winter Harvest Festival, highlighted the increasing regional profile and importance of Eat Local Week.

Surveying rated the importance of the event to the local area at 4.8 out of 5, while respondents also rated the likelihood of returning in 2016 at 4.7 out of 5. More than 70% of visitors to Eat Local Week had travelled from outside the region to attend events associated with the program.

The genesis of Eat Local Week was the creation of an event celebrating the region's primary producers and better connected consumers with the people who grow and produce their food. Eat Local Week continues to be a credit to the producers and purveyors of this region's array of food and beverages and reflects the relationship Council has with its community.

Agriculture and tourism contributed more than \$400 million to the Scenic Rim economy and Eat Local Week has forged stronger links between the two

industries. Eat Local Week represents a unique opportunity for smaller producers and businesses to sell directly to the consumer and engage with customers in a new way.

93% of businesses surveyed rated Eat Local Week as excellent or good, 85% attributed strong performance during the period to the event and the publicity it generated, 72% reported a 100% increase in turnover compared to the same period last year and 90% reported a greater than 50% increase in sales.

AT A GLANCE

\$1,200,918 CONTRIBUTED TO REGIONAL ECONOMY

16,340 VISITORS FROM OUTSIDE THE REGION

9,566 CAME TO SCENIC RIM PRIMARILY TO ATTEND EAT LOCAL WEEK EVENTS

22,700 TOTAL ATTENDANCE

9,928 VISITORS NIGHTS SPENT IN SCENIC RIM

\$860,233 WAS SPENT BY OVERNIGHT VISITORS

\$291,000 SPENT BY DAYTRIPPERS

Scenic Rim Visitor Information Centres	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Visitor patronage	75,047	79,519	81,497	74,758	70,974



OPEN & RESPONSIVE GOVERNMENT

COUNCIL WILL PROVIDE LEADERSHIP THAT SUPPORTS THE DIVERSE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY. WE VALUE THIS DIVERSITY AND WILL ACTIVELY ENGAGE TO DELIVER A RANGE OF AFFORDABLE SERVICES IN AN EFFICIENT AND FAIR MANNER. WE WILL ACKNOWLEDGE THE ASPIRATIONS OF OUR COMMUNITY WHEN MAKING DECISIONS IN AN ETHICAL AND TRANSPARENT WAY.



LOCAL LAW REVIEW

Following public consultation which occurred in 2013-14, Council finalised a review of the Local Laws and Subordinate Local Laws for Scenic Rim. This was the culmination of an extensive review process of its suite of Local Laws and Subordinate Local Laws to ensure functionality and best practice. Amendments were made which included changes to allow for current acceptable practices (such as upkeep of the road verge by homeowners and temporary postage of signs for garage sales) and to allow for stock to cross roads between properties when under effective control.

MEDIA RELATIONS

Council acknowledges the important role of local and regional media in assisting the organisation to communicate with the Scenic Rim community. The organisation strives to maintain productive working relationships with journalists and media outlets through a pro-active and responsive communications

function. During 2014-15, Council distributed 266 media releases for publication and broadcast, highlighting the work and achievements of the organisation, an increase of more than 35% on 2013-14.

Council responded to 162 formal enquiries from media organisations seeking information about the region and Council's activities, up from 152 the previous year. Communicating with the community through the local media remains a cornerstone of Council's broader communications strategies.

ONLINE CONNECTIVITY

Council's website www.scenicrim.qld.gov.au is also an important portal for connecting and communicating with the Scenic Rim community, with total visitation to the website increasing by more than 75% in the past five years. This reflects the increasing trend for people to access information online through smart

devices, with more than 30% of activity originating from mobile phones or tablets in 2014-15.

Total visitation increased by almost 10% in 2014-15, compared to the previous financial year, with the number of online sessions exceeding 228,800. This increase was driven by continuing growth in the number of unique browsers - the number of individual users visiting the site regardless of frequency - which also grew by almost 10% in 2014-15 from 109,545 to 120,092. Total growth in unique browser activity over the past five years has exceeded 110%.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Council recognises the role of social media and social networking sites as a communications tool and information source of the community. The use of social media as a means of connecting with the Scenic Rim community has become an important element in Council's communications initiatives. Council's principal social media channels are Facebook and Twitter.

During 2014-15, Council's Facebook page (ScenicRimRC) experienced growth of almost 60% from 1,371 likes to 2,193 while the number of Twitter followers (@ScenicRimRC) increased by around 50% from 279 to 420.

Council also expanded into other online platforms in 2014-15, with the development of an internal video production capability allowing the organisation to establish a dedicated YouTube channel to publish and share online videos highlighting projects being undertaken.



Website activity www.scenicrim.qld.gov.au	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	FIVE-YEAR CHANGE
Sessions	129,134	166,488	205,350	209,534	228,802	77.18% increase
Unique Browsers	56,755	78,955	97,779	109,545	120,092	111.6% increase

BOONAH ONE-STOP SHOP

Council collaborated with the Queensland Government to deliver a wider range of State services through its Boonah Customer Service Centre from November 2014.

Services delivered under existing QGAP arrangements were expanded as part of the One-Stop Shop pilot program.

This required not only the introduction of new systems and procedures but a renovation of the front counter area to provide increased space for patrons and facilities.

Among the expanded services was the introduction of driver licence testing, renewals and new licences to Boonah and district.

The enhanced services have been an overwhelming success for the community saving customers the inconvenience of travelling to larger centres to utilise these services.

Council's delivery of the One Stop Shop arrangements at Boonah was a finalist in the collaboration category of the Local Government Managers Australia (LGMA) 2015 Queensland Awards for Excellence (pictured).

COMPLAINTS MANAGEMENT

Council acknowledges the right of persons to provide feedback, both positive and negative on its services and/ or to lodge a complaint. The organisation is committed to managing such complaints in a responsible, efficient, effective, fair and economical way.

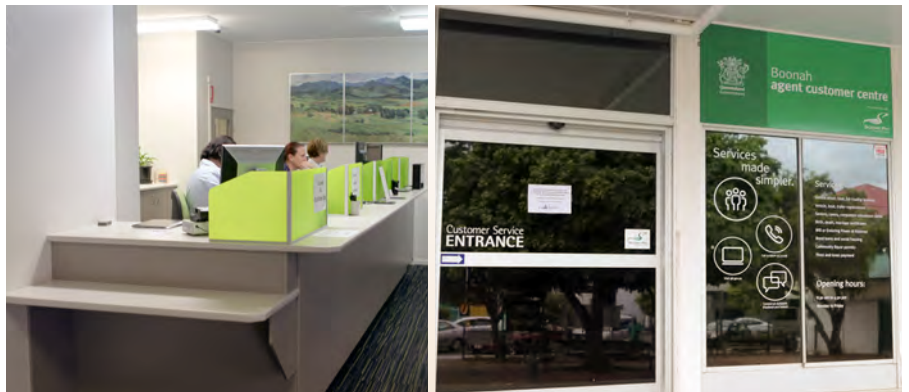
The Administrative Action Complaints (AAC) process provides for a three stage system comprising:

Stage 1: Responses provided by the Council Department to which the matter relates.

Stage 2: Where requested Stage 1 decisions are reviewed by the Chief Executive Officer.



Mayor John Brent and Cr Rick Stanfield with the LGMA finalist certificate in the collaboration category.



Stage 3: Persons dissatisfied with Stage 2 outcomes can obtain external review by the Queensland Ombudsman Office.

Of the 48 AAC matters recorded during 2014-15, eight progressed to Stage 2 review. The ACC process has ensured that matters raised have been adequately considered, complainants have been afforded natural justice and the complaint issues have generally been satisfactorily resolved.

RIGHT TO INFORMATION / INFORMATION PRIVACY

Information held by Council is stored in a secure environment but may be accessed administratively unless protected by the *Information Privacy Act 2009*, *Right to Information Act 2009* or Council policy.

Under that legislation, Council processed formal access applications detailed in the table below.

Administrative Action Complaints	2013-14	2014-15
Received	35	48
Resolved under AAC process	27	43
Not resolved at end of period	8	5

	On Hand 1/7/14	Received	Withdrawn	Finalised	Outstanding 30/6/15
<i>Right to Information Act 2009</i>	1	4	0	4	1
<i>Information Privacy Act 2009</i>	0	0	0	0	0



Customer Service

Council continues to provide a high standard of service to the community via its telephone contact centre, three customer service centres and after-hours service provider. Council's dedicated Customer Contact section aims to provide a telephone-based response and solution for customer enquiries at the first point of contact for the majority of inbound calls.

The section continued to consolidate its service delivery in 2014-15 with a focus on enhancing service standards. In addition to strengthening its service delivery, a five-year Customer Contact Strategy was developed and implemented to provide a road map on the future direction and service standards for customer relations. The strategy is based on a commitment by Council to being a customer centric organisation that provides a customer-focused service across all areas.

2014-15 CUSTOMER SERVICE STANDARDS

Key Performance Indicators	Min Target	Result 2013-14	Result 2014-15
Written Correspondence When you contact Council, we aim to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respond to you within 10 working days. If we cannot complete your request within that time an expected completion date will be supplied with an acknowledgement of your correspondence in written form, by telephone, facsimile or email. 	90%	93%	94%
Telephone Responsiveness When you telephone Council's general enquiries line, we aim to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Answer your call within 20 seconds. Have not more than a 2% abandonment rate. Provide courteous and professional assistance. 	90%	94%	92%
Requests for Action When you lodge a request for action or a submission to a development application we aim to provide a response within the relevant service standard for the service you requested.	90%	94%	92%





RELAXED LIVING & RURAL LIFESTYLE

COUNCIL WILL MANAGE FUTURE GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES AND DEVELOPMENT
TO PRESERVE OUR NATURAL ASSETS AND TO ENHANCE OUR RURAL LIFESTYLE.



SCENIC RIM PLANNING SCHEME

Council continued work on the development of a new unified Scenic Rim Planning Scheme during 2014-15. The singular planning scheme will ultimately replace the three schemes of the former Beaudesert Shire, Boonah Shire and Ipswich City which presently apply to parts of the region.

Council undertook a series of community workshops across the region towards the end of 2014 as part of the plan making process to gain an understanding of the values, opportunities and current planning issues of the community both at a region-wide and local level.

More than 100 workshop participants provided valuable feedback, which has been considered in the drafting of the consolidated Planning Scheme. Substantial progress was made during 2014-15 in relation to the drafting of the new Planning Scheme.

In particular, a draft of the following key elements of the Planning Scheme was prepared:

- **Strategic Plan:** establishing the key policy positions and future development intent for the region.
- **Zone Codes:** incorporating the criteria proposed to apply to development in the land use zones proposed for the Planning Scheme area.
- **Overlay Codes:** including the criteria proposed to apply to land within the planning scheme area characterised by either a particular sensitivity, constraint of opportunity for development.

In addition, substantial progress was made in the preparation of the zone and overlay mapping underpinning the new Planning Scheme. The work undertaken

towards the delivery of the new Planning Scheme in 2014-15 has kept Council on track to progress to the next stage in the plan making process, being State Government review, scheduled to occur in 2015-16.

FLOOD STUDY PROGRAM

Council continued to increase its knowledge base of the flooding characteristics of the region during 2014-15 through the undertaking of further flood studies, in particular for the Bremer River, Warrill Creek and Logan River systems.

The flood studies will be used to assist in disaster management planning undertaken by Council and also to inform regulatory tools to ensure that development appropriately responds to potential flood hazards in the region.

DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT

2014-15 saw an increase in the volume of development applications received and processed by Council. With small investors and businesses most affected by the prevailing tight

economic conditions, the applications received were generally for larger, more complex projects. A review of Council's development approval processes has identified various areas for improvement which form part of an ongoing implementation schedule.

BUILDING AND PLUMBING REGULATION

Building activity within the region has met expectations of predicted outcomes for the financial year 2014-15 with a total of 757 building approvals issued across the region.

A total of 239 building applications for Class 1A dwellings were lodged for the financial year. Council's Building Certification section approved 220 development applications for building work and experienced an increase in inspection requests from the previous financial period totalling 668 inspections. All inspections were performed within the required regulatory timeframes.

Mobile inspection technology went live in September 2014 providing an electronic

Facilities registered under <i>Plumbing & Drainage Act</i>	2013-14	2014-15
Backflow prevention devices	554	587
On-site sewerage facilities	2,660	2,732

Building Approvals	2013-14	2014-15
Inspections Performed	435	668
Council-certified approvals issued	222	220
Privately certified approvals issued	552	537

Plumbing Approvals	2013-14	2014-15
Inspections performed	1,961	1,962
Approvals Issued	334	309
Building and Plumbing Requests received	132	145

Planning and Development Statistics	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Material Change of Use	104	86	102	112
Reconfiguration of a Lot	42	29	41	46
Operational Works (signage)	4	3	4	2
Change of Development Conditions	20	10	17	20
Extension of Time	18	34	23	16
Building Envelope Approval	36	9	-	-
Building Envelope amendment	17	11	17	11
New Lots Approved	240	182	110	77
Survey Plans Signed	68	41	120	39
Court Appeals Finalised	10	12	15	6
Planning Certificates Issued	58	85	68	41
Flood Certificates Issued	-	-	73	142
Operational Works (for land development)	26	27	26	21
Development Compliance Service Request Investigations	178	214	228	191

platform assisting plumbing inspectors to perform their regulatory functions.

A total of 309 plumbing approvals were issued for the period with 1962 inspections performed within the required regulatory timeframes.

The Plumbing section performed 34 audit inspections under the notifiable works process, with 24% of inspected sites failing to comply with plumbing and drainage legislation. Council initiated rectification notices to the contractors to achieve compliance.

The building and plumbing section received a total of 146 requests for compliance action for various non-complying matters ranging from building work performed without necessary building permits, stormwater complaints, on-site sewerage failures, and unlawful plumbing.

The section responded and resolved 150 requests for the period which included four requests lodged during the previous period.

In May 2015, Council approved the first 58 residential lots within Beaudesert's new Oakland Estate. Development of the masterplanned community on a 200-hectare site east of the town centre will provide building blocks for more than 1,200 new homes over the next two decades. It will also be the site of Beaudesert's first Catholic high school, set to open in 2017.







VIBRANT TOWNS & VILLAGES

COUNCIL WILL WORK TO IMPROVE THE VIBRANCY OF OUR TOWNS
AND VILLAGES WHILST RECOGNISING THEIR HERITAGE VALUES.



VIBRANT AND ACTIVE TOWNS AND VILLAGES INITIATIVE

In 2014-15 Council announced a new \$1 million annual program with the objective of enhancing the vibrancy of the region's towns and villages.

The Vibrant and Active Towns and Villages initiative was a response to the vision for the region captured in the Scenic Rim Community Plan 2011-2026. The program committed to deliver a range of infrastructure improvements, some subtle, some significant, which respected and highlighted the unique heritage and character of communities throughout the Scenic Rim.

Program outcomes sought to respond to the current and future needs of the community, create vibrant and active spaces, and enhance public facilities and amenities. \$850,000 in community improvement projects were announced in September 2014, with the balance of program funding for 2014-15 devoted to long-term project development including the preparation of vibrancy plans for the key population centres of the Scenic Rim.

Improvements completed or in progress as at 30 June 2015 included:

- Construction of a new carpark and large vehicle pull-off area at Jubilee Park, Beaudesert, co-funded by the State Government;
- Beautification and landscaping in William St, Beaudesert, incorporating the planting of trees along the pavement with timber post and rail surroundings;
- A 100m section of concrete footpath constructed along Lamington National Park Rd, Canungra to link the existing footpath network;
- Beautification and landscaping in Canungra village including Christie St, DJ Smith Park and School of Arts carpark;
- Sealed carpark and access road

constructed at the Aratula Community and Sports Centre (*pictured above right*); and

- Footpath renewal in High St, Boonah, between Park St and Boonah Cultural Centre commenced (*pictured above centre*).

The remaining Vibrant and Active Towns and Villages projects were carried forward to 2015-16 to align with the delivery of complementary projects planned as part of the 10 year Capital Works Program.

COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

Council's Community Grants Program provides financial and in-kind support to build community capacity and strengthen social interaction in the Scenic Rim. The grants provide vital support for non-profit community groups to host local activities, festivals and celebration events, to purchase office and computer equipment, to install minor infrastructure such as shade structures, retaining walls, sheds and boardwalks, to produce promotional material and to deliver training programs for community volunteers.

In addition, six sporting clubs from across the region shared in \$50,000 for capital projects and equipment through Council's annual Sport and Recreation Grants Program.

PARKS AND AMENITIES

Council manages a parks network in

excess of 400 hectares, consisting of 291 hectares of maintained parkland and 116 hectares of bushland and other natural areas. These facilities provide important recreation and amenity to the region's visitors and residents and generally fall within the following categories: civic spaces, corridor parks, landscape parks, nature parks, premier parks, recreation parks, road rest stops and sporting parks.

In order to ensure the ongoing provision of the network for all users, a Parks and Amenities Strategy was developed in 2014-15 and is scheduled for adoption in 2015-16. It outlines the following key areas of focus:

- The park network provides a level of service that meets the needs of the community;
- Appropriate infrastructure is provided to service the range of needs of the communities throughout the region in a financially sustainable manner;
- The constructed infrastructure operates in an efficient and effective manner to meet the service level expected of the infrastructure over the life of the asset;
- Land use planning delivers development that has a focus on sustainable and efficient park networks that meet the needs of the community; and
- Renewal, upgrades and new park infrastructure projects are prioritised according to a risk mitigation approach.

Community Grants	2013-14	2014-15
Cash Contributions		
Number	109	148
Value	\$142,455	\$154,905
In-kind grants		
Number	102	111
Value	\$31,598	\$20,055



Park improvement works completed during 2014-15 included:

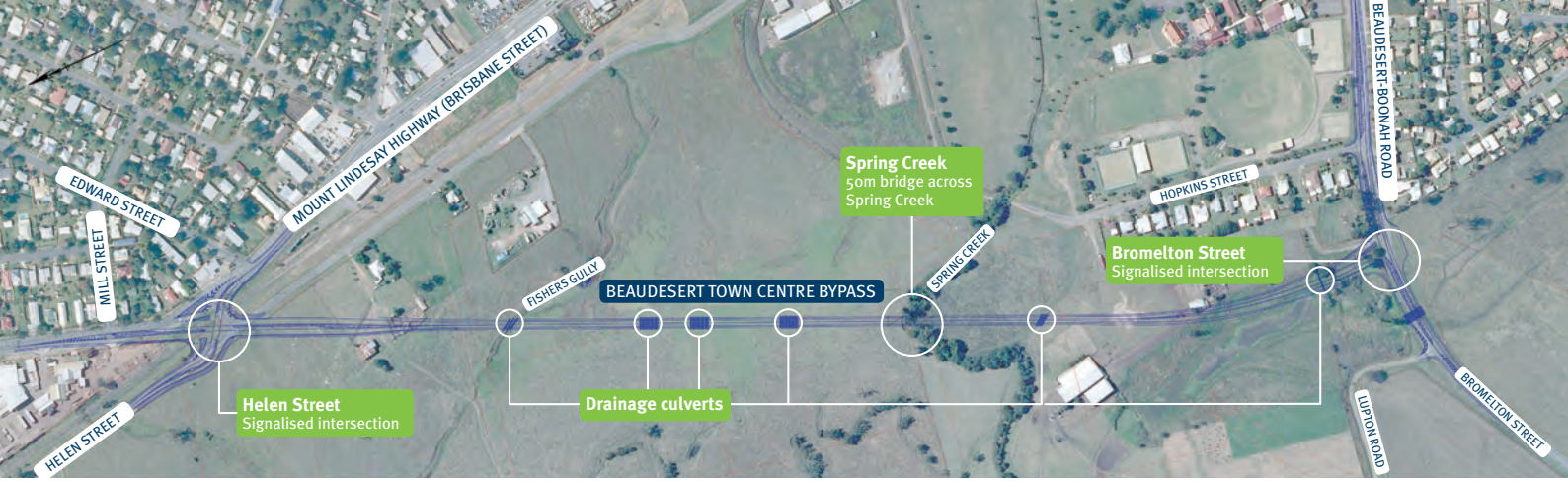
- Refurbishment of the Beaudesert War Memorial and improvements to the landscaping at Central Place;
- Installation of a new toilet facility, fencing and disabled carparking at Springleigh Park, Boonah (*pictured top left previous page*);
- Fencing installation at Davidson Park, Beaudesert, Darlington Park, Darlington, Graceleigh Park, Beechmont and James Sharp Memorial Park, Witheren; and
- BBQ and/or shelter structure installation at James Sharp Memorial Park, Rosins Lookout, Tamborine Mountain, and the Tiny Tots Playground at Boonah.

COMMUNITY SWIMMING POOLS

Council maintains four public swimming pools within the Scenic Rim at Beaudesert (*pictured left*), Boonah, Tamborine Mountain and Canungra, which are managed under contract arrangements. Improvement and upgrade works were undertaken at a number of these facilities during 2014-15 including re-tiling and the installation of new starting platforms at Tamborine Mountain, three new water play features at Beaudesert as well as the purchase of a robotic pool cleaner.

Construction of a new carpark and large vehicle pull-off area at Beaudesert's Jubilee Park has improved the amenity and accessibility of the community facility for locals and visitors alike. Delivered as part of Council's Vibrant and Active Towns and Villages initiative, the project was co-funded by the State Government. It forms part of a continuing program of beautification within the town centre.





Beaudesert Town Centre Bypass

In 2014-15, the Queensland Government announced the co-funding of the \$27.5 million Beaudesert Town Centre Bypass (Stage One) in partnership with Council and State agencies.

The 1.5-kilometre bypass will realign the Mt Lindesay Hwy to the west of the Beaudesert town centre, starting near the Helen St intersection and traversing south to a new intersection at Bromelton St (Beaudesert-Boonah Rd). Stage Two of the project will extend the bypass further south, rejoining the existing highway beyond Thiedeke Rd.

The State Government has committed up to \$26 million to deliver the bypass,

with Council formalising the partnership arrangement through an Infrastructure Agreement with the Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR) in April 2015. Council previously co-funded design planning for the bypass in partnership with DTMR in 2013-14.

Construction of the bypass will commence in 2016, with completion in 2017.

The bypass is a catalyst project for the activation of the Bromelton State

Development Area, west of Beaudesert. In addition to servicing the growing freight demands of the region, the bypass will remove heavy vehicle traffic from an unsuitable road corridor through the Beaudesert town centre.

Completion of the bypass will allow Council to progress the revitalisation of the town centre, creating a more welcoming and engaging space for residents and visitors alike.

AT A GLANCE

\$27.5 MILLION
PROJECT TO RE-ALIGN
MOUNT LINDESAY HWY

1.5 KILOMETRE
BYPASS OF TOWN
CENTRE TO WEST OF
BEAUDESERT

LARGEST
PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE
PROJECT IN SCENIC RIM
SINCE CONSTRUCTION
OF WYARALONG DAM

CATALYST
PROJECT FOR THE
ACTIVATION OF
BROMELTON STATE
DEVELOPMENT AREA
AND REVITALISATION OF
TOWN CENTRE



Deputy Mayor Virginia West, Mayor John Brent and Deputy Premier Jackie Trad discuss the bypass.



ACCESSIBLE & SERVICED REGION

COUNCIL WILL PROVIDE AND ADVOCATE FOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRIORITISED NEEDS OF OUR GROWING COMMUNITY.

INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING

Council has established strategic plans to guide the efficient and sustainable provision of the following components of transport infrastructure:

- Roads;
- Bridges;
- Floodways and Causeways;
- Footpaths and Bikeways; and
- Urban Drainage.

Each of these documents was reviewed during 2014-15 and a plan adopted to refine Council's Asset Management capacity over the 2014-2018 period.

A key focus of these plans has been to establish strategies to ensure that the vast network of transport infrastructure within the region continues to deliver access of appropriate standards to the Scenic Rim community.

This is to be achieved by managing this infrastructure in ways which maximise its serviceability and by careful planning and prioritisation of renewal and replacement programs.

ROAD PROJECTS

Council is responsible for a sealed and unsealed regional road network spanning more than 1,700 kilometres across a geographic footprint of some 3,400 square kilometres.

Council is committed to ensuring the maintenance and improvement of the road network is sustainably managed and funded to meet the expectations of the public.

During 2014-15, Council delivered a number of road improvement projects including:

- Reconstruction of 1km section of Veresdale Scrub Rd at Gleneagle, east of Malabar Rd, including replacement of causeway with pipe culvert crossing (*pictured above*);
- Two sections of Kerry Rd and various sections of Coleyville Rd upgraded in conjunction with flood damage restoration works;
- Two concrete floodways with low flow pipes replaced on Munbilla Rd at Milora;
- Upgrade of 700m section of Gould Hill Rd at Gleneagle, east of Scenic Rise estate, commenced; and
- Upgrade of Sandy Creek Rd at Bromelton commenced with assistance under Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program.



Road network maintenance undertaken during 2014-15 included:

- 81km of bitumen road resealed (including top coats replaced under disaster restoration program);
- 144.5km gravel road resheeted;
- 75km of road shoulders resheeted; and
- 338km of gravel road graded.

STORMWATER AND DRAINAGE

Major drainage improvement works were undertaken on Beacon Rd, Arenga Dr and Justin Ave, Tamborine

Mountain, to provide improved management of overland water flow and minimise impacts on surrounding infrastructure.

Stormwater network improvement plans were developed for Beaudesert and Boonah townships, including preliminary designs for future pipeline upgrades and minor earthworks to ensure sufficient capacity to contain high inflows and to divert overland flooding away from private properties and local businesses.

TRAFFIC VOLUMES ACROSS COUNCIL-CONTROLLED ROADS WITHIN SCENIC RIM REGION

Austrroads Classification	Annual Average Daily Traffic	Kilometres
4a Rural Connector	1000-3000 vehicles/day	73
4b Rural Collector	500-1000 vehicles/day	122
5a Rural access	150-500 vehicles/day	302
5b Rural access	80-150 vehicles/day	355
5c Rural Access	40-80 vehicles/day	336
5d Rural Access	40-80 vehicles/day	473
5e Rural formed	40 vehicles/month	55
5f Rural formed	0-10 vehicles/month	39
5g Rural unformed*	Not available	18
Unrated (parking bays etc)		24
Total		1,797

* Refers to sections of road reserves known to be used by public but have not been formed and don't contain any other road infrastructure.

BRIDGES STRATEGY

Council delivered six new bridges across the Scenic Rim during 2014-15 as part of its long-term Bridges Strategy.

Adopted in 2010, the Bridges Strategy has a focus on renewing the region’s ageing timber bridges, some of which date back more than 60 years, with more resilient concrete or steel structures.

The removal of load limit restrictions on bridges, which can be a major impediment for the movement of trucks and farm machinery, is another key outcome of the strategy.

Bridge replacements completed in 2014-15 included Newman Bridge at Darlington, Kriederman Bridge at Beaudesert and Edward O’Neill Bridge at Undullah (in partnership with Logan City Council).

Flood damaged Gorge Creek Bridge at Biddaddaba and both Geiger and Murphy bridges at Canungra were also replaced under the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements.

In undertaking the bridges program, Council seeks to deliver outcomes which provide value for money for ratepayers



Images (from top) Edward O’Neill Bridge in January 2015 and August 2014, Newman Bridge in October 2014 and June 2014.

while maintaining a comparable level of service to the community.

This can involve the replacement of low-level bridge structures with pipe-culvert crossings or permanent sidetracks.

While still identified as a bridge or crossing for historic/landmark reference, these structures are not formally classified as such for the purposes of long-term asset management.



SCENIC BRIDGE NETWORK

Bridge Type	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Timber			
• Load limited below MALL*	53	44	35
• Load limited above MALL*	7	8	7
• Not Load limited	33	38	41
Non-Timber Construction	41	44	48
Total	134	134	131

* Minimum Acceptable Load Limit (MALL) is the load limit assessed under Council’s Bridge Strategy to be acceptable for each bridge location based on actual use, as well as the availability and convenience of an alternative route.

BRIDGE REPLACEMENTS COMPLETED IN 2014-15

Bridges	Location	Completed	Type	Cost
Geiger & Murphy	Canungra	June 2015	Concrete	\$1.3 million (NDRRA)
Kriederman	Beaudesert	March 2015	Composite construction	\$300,000
Edward O’Neill	Undullah	January 2015	Concrete	\$1.4 million
Newman	Darlington	October 2014	Concrete	\$1.8 million
Gorge Creek	Biddaddaba	August 2014	Concrete	\$530,000 (NDRRA)
Total				\$5.33 million

* NDRRA works funded by State and Federal governments as part of disaster restoration program (see separate section for details)



Mayor John Brent and Cr Duncan McInnes inspect the replacement of Gap Creek Culvert at Tarome.

Mission accomplished on disaster restoration

Scenic Rim experienced three consecutive summers of natural disasters in 2010-11, 2012 and 2013 which exacted a heavy toll on local infrastructure, particularly our roads and bridges.

The total damage bill from these disasters exceeded \$100 million and resulted in an unprecedented program of repair and reconstruction throughout the Scenic Rim which was finalised by the end of 2014-15. This program included the replacement of six bridges and repairs to more than 380 roads, with a combined length of more than 260 kilometres.

Delivery of this significant restoration program, which compounded in cost and complexity due to the impact of three years of declared disaster events, was a major focus of Council for several years.

In fact, the flood damage from the 2013 event was greater than the 2010-11 and 2012 events combined. Estimated worker hours utilised in the restoration program was 530,000 hours or equivalent to 70 full-time equivalent personnel over the four year duration of the project.

Council engaged AECOM to deliver project management consultancy

services for the restoration works associated with the 2011 declared event. AECOM commenced the project in May 2011 with an anticipated project timeframe of 14 months. Council extended this arrangement after the 2012 declared event and again after the 2013 declared event.

Restoration of the damaged infrastructure has been achieved with financial assistance of the State and Federal governments under the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA) and the support of the Queensland Reconstruction Authority which manages that program.

AT A GLANCE

\$100 MILLION+
DAMAGE BILL FROM THREE
CONSECUTIVE SUMMERS OF
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RESTORATION PROGRAM

380 ROADS
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SUMMARY OF SCENIC RIM DISASTER RESTORATION 2011-2015

Restoration Project	2010-11 Event	2012 Event	2013 Event	Total
Bridges Replaced	1	-	5	6
Bridges Repaired	4	-	27	31
Roads Restored	143	78	357	578
Road Sections Restored	42.63km	55.77km	86.9km	185.3km
Gravel Roads Resheeted (excludes emergent works*)	-	-	27	27
Gravel Roads Resheeted length (excluding emergent)	-	-	82.1km	82.1km
Floodways Replaced	3	1	18	22
Floodways Repaired	-	2	6	8
Slips and Scours Repaired	1	-	25	26
NDRRA FUNDING	\$25.4M	\$27.3M	\$55.2M**	\$107.9M

* Emergent works are those undertaken immediately following a disaster event to ensure priority restoration of roads and services to the community.

** Includes Betterment Funding component of \$4.9 million.



HEALTHY, ENGAGED & RESOURCEFUL COMMUNITIES

COUNCIL WILL BUILD AND STRENGTHEN THE SOCIAL FABRIC OF OUR GROWING REGION WHICH IS BASED ON FRIENDLY, ACTIVE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES.

SCENIC RIM HEALTH AND WELLBEING PLAN

In 2010 Council developed two significant community welfare and wellbeing strategies in consultation with the community and stakeholders, the Scenic Rim Social Plan 2010-2020 and the Scenic Rim Sport and Recreation Plan 2010-2020.

Both plans recommended a review at the halfway point in their lifespan, which was undertaken in 2014-15. As the two plans shared many common goals and objectives, the review resulted in the merging of the two documents into a singular Scenic Rim Health and Wellbeing Plan 2015-2020.

The revised strategic document better reflects the social, health, sport and recreation needs of the region. The two original plans will remain important resources to track trends and overall performance.

BE HEALTHY AND ACTIVE

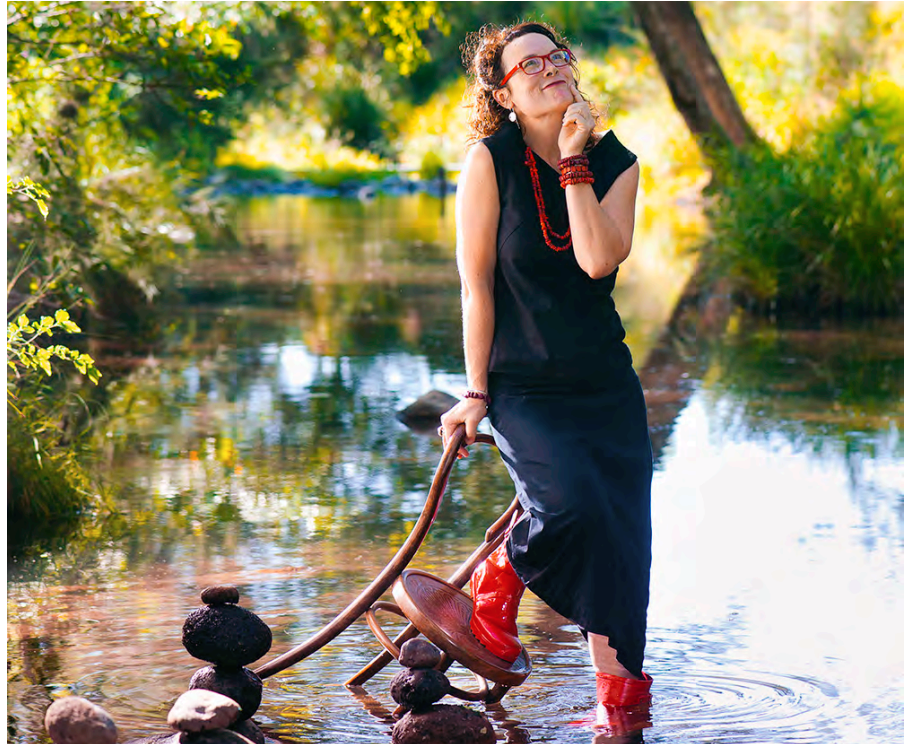
Council's annual Be Healthy & Active (BH&A) Program continues to deliver improved health and wellbeing outcomes for the Scenic Rim community. The 12-week campaign runs from February to May and encourages community members of all ages and abilities to participate in physical and social activities using local facilities and venues across the region.

Council's community-based approach to the program means that BH&A activities are staged at nominal or no cost to participants through partnership arrangements with local health and fitness professionals, many of whom report an ongoing increase in patronage to their businesses as a result of being involved.

Building on the success of the previous year's inaugural campaign, 2015 was a bumper program including a range of activities such as mixed social netball, circuit classes, yoga, tai chi, cardio tennis, kayaking, professional exercise programs, personal training classes, Savvy Wise and Well for Seniors and sailing for people with a disability.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Council seeks to provide support to the region's young people through a range of initiatives, including the annual Youth Leadership Program. The program is an important part of Council's aim to deliver relevant and appropriate



Artist Stephanie Wernick as she appeared on the cover of the 2015 Studios and Events - Cultural Trails of the Scenic Rim guidebook.

projects that target the needs of young people in the Scenic Rim and provide them with essential skills to aid in their future careers. It offers participants the opportunity to develop personal leadership skills through mentoring and interactive workshops. The 2015 intake attracted record participation with 37 high school students enrolling in the program from Tamborine Mountain College, Tamborine Mountain High, Boonah State High and Beaudesert State High. The program was again facilitated by former Olympian and professional development coach Selina Scoble.

CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOPS

Council partnered with Sport and Recreation Services again to deliver a range of capacity building workshops covering topics such as "Technology Made Simple" and "Women In Sport".

STUDIOS AND EVENTS - CULTURAL TRAILS OF THE SCENIC RIM

Art in all its creative forms is an important part of the social fabric of the Scenic Rim and the region's vibrant communities are home to a number of artisans whose work is exhibited on the national and international stage. Since 2008 Council, in collaboration with the local artistic community, has staged the annual Studios and Events - Cultural Trails of the Scenic Rim program, a showcase of the

artistic and cultural pursuits for which the region is well known. Artist participation in the popular program reached a new high in 2015, with a total of 191 artists involved at 26 locations over the four weekends of the event in May.

This represented growth of more than 43% on the previous year when 133 artists were involved. Based on post-event data collected, an estimated 6,876 visitors attended events connected with the program, with sales totalling \$25,894 and a further \$35,972 anticipated to be earned through ongoing commissions, workshop bookings and opportunities.

CREATIVE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT

Council is committed to supporting the cultural life of communities within the Scenic Rim. Now in its ninth year, Council's monthly Arts Dinner program included outreach dinners at Boonah, Canungra and Harrisville discussing town vibrancy, RADF, cultural tourism, public art, heritage and storytelling, and a review of Open Studios program.

Community-based cultural partnerships were maintained with BAMS Theatre Inc, Scenic Rim Community Choir A-Choir'd Taste, the Boonah Cultural Foundation and Tamborine Mountain's Goat Track Theatre Company.

REGIONAL ARTS DEVELOPMENT FUND (RADF)

2015 has been a transitional year for RADF across Queensland. Arts Queensland undertook a program evaluation and consultation across the state which has led to major changes to how the RADF program is delivered. In response to the new directions for RADF and in line with local consultation, new guidelines and procedures have been developed and adopted for Scenic Rim RADF. Two rounds are held annually with the first round for 2014-15 using the old guidelines and procedures with the second round transitioning to implementation of the new application process.

RADF Grants	2013-14	2014-15
Number	13	11
Value	\$75,315	\$77,673

- Round 1 2014-15 had nine applications with six successful for a total of \$43,236 in funding. Total value of all projects \$732,411.
- Round 2 trialed a two stage assessment process with 12 snapshot applications received out of which six were shortlisted and five were successful with their grant. A total of \$21,056 was awarded for projects totalling \$45,405.
- One Out of Round Application of \$13,381 was given with a total project value of \$54,046.

SCENIC RIM HERITAGE NETWORK

The Scenic Rim Heritage Network focused on the War Stories and Our Town theme in 2015 with a dedicated guest speaker organised for each meeting. In February 2015, Doreen Wendt-Weir spoke about her experiences in World War II. This was followed in

May by a trip to the Yugambeh Museum where Rory O'Connor spoke on the contribution of black diggers.

Other activities included a bus tour to the Pine Rivers Museum and a successful application to RADF to enable members and volunteers from each of the Museums to attend professional development events at Queensland Museum and State Library to gain insight into the back of house collections and management of both venues.

SCENIC RIM MODEL FOR ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE

In February 2015, the Townsville Wayfinder sculpture created by artist Kakae Pakoa was unveiled at Hopkins Park, Veresdale. The sculpture was produced under the ASSI 150 program as a permanent reminder of the historic connection between the Scenic Rim region and the South Sea Islanders who first arrived in the area as indentured labourers 150 years ago.

LIBRARY SERVICES

Local libraries continue to evolve and serve their communities in ever expanding ways, providing an educational, cultural and social space where people can meet, share ideas and discuss common interests. Council adopted a new Libraries Strategic Plan 2015-2019 to help shape the region's libraries for the future.

In 2014-15, Council's regional libraries continued to be developed and improved as community spaces. An outdoor deck overlooking Jubilee Park was completed and furnished at the Beaudesert Library (*pictured below*), creating a new space for library patrons as well as community groups.

Libraries	2013-14	2014-15
Items borrowed	274,382	261,384
Internet / PC Bookings	15,714	17,733
WiFi Internet bookings	8,921	10,040
Items delivered to housebound customers	6,801	4,508
Storytelling attendees	4,928	5,454
Holiday craft attendees	2,806	2,886
New members	1,765	1,952
Adult information session attendees	1,479	2,688
Adult regular program attendees	2,080	3,841
Reservations filled	23,302	22,338
Online loans (digital resources)	4,651	7,509
Visits to libraries	202,513	202,745



Adult attendance at programs including book clubs, Scrabble groups, craft groups and information sessions at Scenic Rim libraries almost doubled compared to the previous year. More than 27,500 people visited libraries to access the internet through library provided computers or to use wifi services.

An ongoing State grant was awarded to implement First5Forever - an early literacy training program for 0-5 year olds and their carers. This is a four year program with funding to be received annually. Council's library catalogue expanded with digital resource additions including overDrive for ebooks and eaudio and Choice Online being made available. Council's catalogue has been significantly updated to encompass Scenic Rim historical records including photography and letters.

Other improvements to library facilities during 2014-15 included the replacement of the air conditioning unit at Tamborine Mountain Library, upgrades and painting at Beaudesert Library and the installation of a new counter and swipe system at the Boonah Library.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Council continued annual inspections of licensed food premises under the new Food Licence Risk Rating System, a framework which allow officers to spend more time at those businesses which are considered a higher risk to the community. Further inspections were also conducted on camping and caravan parks and shared facility accommodation.

Council's Environmental Health section continue to manage and respond to resident requests concerning public health matters including unsightly properties, premises harbouring unsanitary conditions and relevant noise, dust, smoke or odour. Officers were also kept busy over the warmer periods due to higher than usual mosquito activity impacting on the local community.

SCHOOL IMMUNISATION PROGRAM

Council's School Immunisation Program provides essential immunisation services and a public health prevention platform to promote protection against vaccine preventable diseases to eligible high school students within the community. The program is an efficient and cost effective way of delivering essential immunisation services to all Years 8



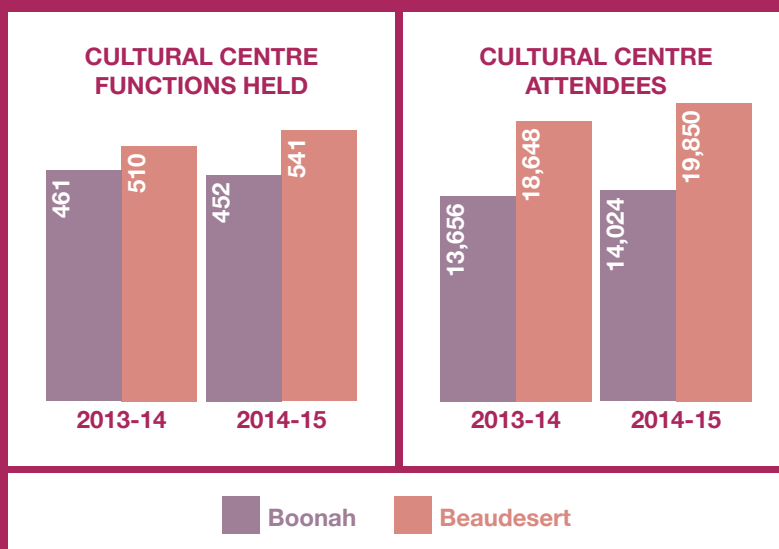
Cultural Centres

During 2014-15, Council's cultural centres at Boonah and Beaudesert hosted 993 events, attracting attendance of 33,865. This represented a 1.43% increase in the number of events held at the cultural centres from the previous year with attendance numbers remaining at comparative levels.

Among the highlights of the annual cultural program were performances by well-known entertainers Kamahl and Rhonda Burchmore as part of the Musical Mornings concert series, which attracted audiences of 334 and 229 respectively. The Big Stories, Small Towns Project also premiered a documentary about the people and personalities of Beaudesert at The Centre.

The annual School Holiday Blast into Arts Program was again popular with an increase of 8.82% in attendances in 2014-15 compared to the previous year. Workshops continue to be well received, but it is becoming evident that the special movie deal and free events available for children, their carers and families are increasing in popularity.

During the year, a range of equipment upgrades were delivered at both facilities to ensure they continue to meet the needs of users and patrons, including the installation of a new combination oven, deep fryer and exhaust system at Beaudesert, the upgrade of wireless microphone equipment at both Beaudesert and Boonah in line with new regulatory requirements, and the refurbishment of hall and stage flooring at Beaudesert.



and 10 students attending any private or state high school located within the Scenic Rim region.

Council operates under a Service Level Agreement (SLA) through Hospital and Health Services (HHS) and provides appropriate vaccinations throughout the annual program as per the National Immunisation Schedule including:

- Gardasil (Human Papillomavirus HPV);
- Varicella-Zoster (chickenpox); and
- Boostrix (Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis including whooping cough).

Council provides clinics at Beaudesert State High School, Boonah State High School, Tamborine Mountain State High Schools, Tamborine Mountain College and The Kooralbyn International School. At the completion of each immunisation phase, Council delivers administered immunisation data and summary reports to both Vaccination Information and Vaccination Administration System (VIVAS) and HHS personnel.

DISASTER MANAGEMENT

In September 2014, Council adopted a Disaster Management Strategy to provide a safer and more secure and resilient local community through disaster management arrangements.

The Strategy was developed to provide a clear strategic direction and a structured set of actions aimed at enabling improved disaster management by the organisation, with the strategy to be reviewed annually to ensure it responds to the changing needs of the community.

Following the major flood events of recent years the region experienced no disaster-declared events during the 2014-15 year. Council has, however, maintained its commitment to disaster preparedness with 17 Local Disaster Management Group (LDMG) staff trained to support disaster readiness, response and recovery operations, including the use of Guardian Disaster Management Software. Staff attached to the Scenic Rim Local Disaster Coordination Centre also participated in an annual simulation exercise for training purposes (pictured right).

The floods of 2010-2013 highlighted the importance of providing real-time connectivity with the community during disasters events. Online river height monitoring systems have now been installed at Coulson Bridge (pictured),

Kooralbyn, Canungra, Mt Alford, Mount Tamborine and Christmas Creek. The project was co-funded by Council, and the State and Federal Governments under the Natural Disaster Resilience Program.

In addition to its website, Council maintains a social media presence to deliver vital emergency and disaster management information to the community. Communicating with the community during emergencies and disasters is a critical function of Council's disaster management activities and at the end of 2014-15, the Scenic Rim Disaster Management Facebook page (facebook.com/ScenicRimAlerts) had almost 6,000 followers, while the accompanying Twitter account (@ScenicRimAlerts) had more than 800 followers.



Queensland Police Service Acting Superintendent Pat Swindalls, Local Disaster Management Coordinator Patrick Murphy, Queensland Fire and Emergency Services Inspector Chris Robinson and Incident Controller Scott Turner in the Scenic Rim Local Disaster Control Centre.

Environmental and Public Health Licensing	2013-14	2014-15
Food	352	382
Personal Appearance Services	2	2
All Local Law Licences (advertisements, kennels, events)	236	290

Service Requests Investigated	2013-14	2014-15
Environmental Health	462	303
Pest and Animal Management	1,617	1,787
Environmental Policy	52	93

School Immunisation Program - Vaccines Administered	2013-14	2014-15
Human Papillomavirus (HPV)	1,674	1,152
Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (dTpa)	885	775
Chickenpox (Var)	342	224



Scenic Rim teenager Charlie Gee, whose great-grandfather won the Victoria Cross in World War I featured on the cover of the War Stories and Our Town program.



Mayor John Brent and Cultural Services Coordinator Bronwyn Davies with the War Stories and Our Town program.

AT A GLANCE

7,292 PEOPLE PARTICIPATED IN EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS BETWEEN 1 JANUARY AND 30 JUNE 2015

120 ATTENDED THE LAUNCH OF WAR STORIES AND OUR TOWN PROGRAM

448 PEOPLE ATTENDED PERFORMANCES OF GALLIPOLI BILL BY BAMS THEATRE INC

100 LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES ATTENDED THE CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY FORUM FOCUSING ON MENTAL HEALTH

777,768 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO THE PROGRAM THROUGH VISITATION TO CULTURAL CENTRES, LIBRARIES, MEDIA COVERAGE AND DIRECT COMMUNICATION

War Stories and Our Town

2015 marked a milestone of special significance to all Australians with the centenary of the Gallipoli campaign.

In order to commemorate this important anniversary, Council developed a year-long program of exhibitions, performances, forums, community activities and commemorative events to mark the Anzac Centenary under the banner of War Stories and Our Town.

The program was successful in securing more than \$100,000 in funding from State and Federal initiatives aimed at supporting commemorative activities associated with the Anzac Centenary. Framed in partnership with community organisations, including historical societies, cultural groups and veterans' organisations, the program sought to involve Scenic Rim residents in a calendar of events which not only reflected upon and remembered the sacrifice of generations of Australians in the traditional and solemn manner, but also celebrated their legacy through a range of engaging community activities.

The War Stories and Our Town program commenced in late January 2015 with the launch of a special 50-page booklet

detailing the range of activities planned for the forthcoming year. Program events were aligned to six key themes (which emerged from community consultation undertaken in 2014): Women In War, Anzac: A Day In The Life, Make Do And Mend, Our Stories, I Witness, Black Diggers.

In keeping with the national Anzac Centenary program, the scope of War Stories and Our Town encompassed all wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations in which Australians had been involved. In addition to the calendar of events, Council worked with the community to build a shared resource of stories, photos and memorabilia to help ensure future generations understand these important chapters in Australia's history and their impact on our identity.

The War Stories and Our Town program was positively received by the community and wider audiences. Online arts portal ArtsHub, regarded as Australia's leading site for professionals working within the arts, identified War Stories And Our Town among its Top 10 arts events nationally commemorating the Anzac Centenary, alongside significant metropolitan and state-level events.



ORGANISATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY

COUNCIL STRIVES TO BE A HIGH PERFORMING AND FINANCIALLY SUSTAINABLE ORGANISATION WITH ROBUST GOVERNANCE STRUCTURES BASED ON THE PRINCIPLES OF RISK MANAGEMENT AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT. WE OFFER A SAFE, POSITIVE WORK ENVIRONMENT, VALUE AND REWARD OUR STAFF AND ARE COMMITTED TO PROVIDING ONGOING DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING.



FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

The Queensland Audit Office's report to State Parliament on the outcomes of local government audits for 2013-14 yet again endorsed Council's fiscal strategy.

The report rated Scenic Rim Regional Council as having a low financial sustainability risk. Council endorsed a Financial Sustainability Strategy in June 2015 that covers a 10 year period from 2015-16 to 2024-25. This strategy outlines the actions Council is taking in order to ensure it remains financially sustainable into the future.

The Financial Sustainability Strategy 2016-25 is contained within the 2015-16 Community Budget Report. Council has had a number of achievements in the 2014-15 financial year that assist in achieving Financial Sustainability:

- Financial Sustainability Ratios: Council's Asset Sustainability Ratio, Net Financial Liabilities Ratio and Operating Surplus Ratio are all within the targets set by the Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning.
- Outstanding Rates and Charges: Council's level of outstanding rates and charges has reduced from 5.72% at 30 June 2014 to 4.33% at 30 June 2015.
- Insurance: Council subscribed to the Local Government Mutual Scheme and has achieved a substantial decrease in insurance costs from 2015-16 onwards.

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

Council's key Information and Communications Technology (ICT) objectives are guided by the ICT Strategic Plan 2015-17, a three year action plan framed after consultation with a wide range of stakeholders. The strategic plan focuses on a range of technology outcomes including:

- Enhanced digital services for Council and the community;
- Expanded technology-enabled and capable workforce; and
- Sustainable technology architecture and services.

Following the successful implementation of Microsoft Lync, Council upgraded its internet links to allow the decommissioning of obsolete ISDN lines. Council has implemented Voice over IP (VOIP) saving many thousands of dollars annually in service and call costs. In addition, the new solution has improved the resilience of Council's communication systems by offering multiple pathways to route telephony and messaging in the event of an outage.

Council also has work underway on migrating services currently provided in-house to external hosting providers. The advantage of this migration is that equipment will be hosted in built-to-purpose data centres, which are better equipped and resourced to manage large server installations. It will be more cost effective for Council to contract out these services instead of managing them internally.

During the financial year, Council audited the number of servers required to deliver existing services and subsequently reduced the count by undertaking consolidation and decommissioning of unnecessary equipment with a significant cost saving. Council continues to explore opportunities to reduce ongoing costs through the implementation of technology and implements solutions where it is found this can be achieved.

DELEGATION OF POWERS

The delegation of powers enables Council to function in an efficient and responsible manner. As required, Council conducted an annual review of its Delegations Register to ensure it adequately captures the needs of the region and effectively

facilitates the functioning of Council's decision making processes. Six new legislative instruments were identified for inclusion and the register now includes 62 separate items of state legislation, and 19 Local Laws and Subordinate Local Laws.

RISK MANAGEMENT

Council remains committed to the objectives of its adopted risk management policy which are to:

- Maintain and improve reliability and quality of service provided by Scenic Rim Regional Council, within Council's controls and capabilities;
- Minimise or eliminate adverse impacts from Council's services or infrastructure on the community, visitors and the environment;
- Capitalise on opportunities identified for Scenic Rim Regional Council;
- Safeguard Council's employees, assets, financial sustainability, property, reputation and information; and
- Promote risk management principles as a strategic tool to ensure better informed decision making throughout Council.

To ensure that these objectives are progressed, risk management guidelines have been adopted by Council and are incorporated into Council's planning, monitoring, reporting and service delivery activities. A significant review and reform project was delivered during the 2014-15 financial year as part of Council's Risk Maturation Project. The objectives of this project were to recognise and build upon the strong platform that had already been established, and further drive appropriate, efficient and effective risk management across all levels of management and decision making in the organisation. The deliverables of this project were:

- **Operational Risk Mapping, Assessment and Recording:** the Operational Risk mapping, assessment and recording component of the Risk Maturation Project was undertaken

to embed operational risks at the departmental level following the earlier comprehensive review and redesign of the Corporate/Organisational Risk Register and to further develop effective risk management practices throughout the organisation.

- Establishment of Risk Reference Group:** an organisational restructure in early 2014 provided an opportunity to review Council's risk management framework. The review identified a number of areas for improvement, particularly in relation to current processes and practices related to the ongoing review of Council's risk registers. To address these issues, a Risk Reference Group (RRG) was established as a mechanism for undertaking reviews of the centralised risk register (Level 1 and 2 risks) and providing strategic direction and advice in relation to the ongoing development and implementation of risk management across the organisation. The RRG meets on a quarterly basis.
- Incorporation of Risk Assessment in Executive and Council Decision-making:** a key action and outcome of the RRG has been to consider risk in agenda reports provided to Council, its standing committees and the Executive. The aim of this project was to ensure that consistency in risk assessment in agenda reports was achieved across the organisation and to make it as simple and straightforward for reporting officers.



- Procurement and Implementation of Integrated Performance and Risk Management Software:** Council implemented specialist software which integrated risk identification, assessment, management and review with its organisational performance, planning and personal performance and development functions.

INTERNAL AUDIT

Council's Audit and Risk Committee comprises Mayor John Brent and Councillor Nigel Waistell, external Chairperson Graham Carpenter and an external member Jason Evans. In addition to the Committee members, Council's Internal and External Auditor, other Councillors and key Council officers are invited to attend Committee meetings.

The Committee met four times during the year and considered the following matters:

- Council's Internal Audit Plan;
- Reports by Council's Internal Auditors;
- Implementation of Internal Audit recommendations;
- External Audit matters;
- Council's Risk Management Program;
- Financial Statements for 2013-14 (draft and final);
- Reports by the Queensland Audit Office;
- Audit and accounting policies; and
- Business Continuity Plan.

The Internal Audit Plan for the year included continuous assurance reviews of Council's Procurement / Accounts Payable and Payroll operations. Council's internal audit service provider, Brisbane City Council Assurance Services also reviewed various functions during the period.

WORKFORCE PLANNING

Ongoing planning was undertaken to ensure that Council retains a skilled workforce which is sustainable and appropriate to the organisation's strategic direction as outlined in the Community, Corporate and Organisational Plans. A corporate training program was implemented to ensure that staff have the skills and competencies required for efficient delivery of services in this evolving technical and legislative environment.

ORGANISATIONAL VALUES

The personal and collective performance of Council staff is critical to the attainment of Council's Organisational Values. Staff are assessed on the extent to which they adhere to the values through a personal

performance and development process. To further enhance the effectiveness of the performance and development process, a new electronic performance appraisal process was implemented very successfully during this financial year.

In addition, Managers and Directors are assessed on the extent to which they adhere to these values by their peers and subordinates through a comprehensive 360 degree appraisal process. The results of these assessments have been very positive.

WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY

Council values its employees and as such places a strong emphasis on Workplace Health and Safety.

All employees are provided with the necessary personal protective equipment to minimise the risk of injury in their roles. In addition, Council has a very positive culture of regularly engaging with its employees regarding their health and safety.

Regular educational sessions are provided regarding employee wellbeing and a formal consultative structure is used whereby the Corporate Health and Safety Committee operates in conjunction with separate Directorate Health and Safety Committees to ensure maximum ongoing engagement and consultation with employees regarding Workplace Health and Safety.

FLEET MANAGEMENT

Council has invested significantly in the procurement and maintenance of its machinery, vehicle and small plant fleet. Fleet must be maintained over the useful life of the assets. Future maintenance, renewal and upgrades must be forecasted and financed.

Fleet items within Council are categorised into four classes with the following items having been replaced during 2014-15 in accordance with the 10 Year Plant Replacement Program:

CLASS 1 HEAVY PLANT

1 excavator, 1 loader, 1 grader, 1 smooth drum roller.

CLASS 2 HEAVY VEHICLES

1 prime mover, 2 tip trucks, 2 job trucks, 1 tandem trailer, 1 dog trailer, 1 hook loader.

CLASS 3 LIGHT VEHICLES

30 vehicles.



Council's quarterly Valued Employee Award recipients for the 2014 calendar year (clockwise from top) Tatjana Koczanowski with Regional Services Director Tony Magner, Renee Wilson with Chief Finance Officer Kelly Stidworthy, Elva Sykes with Infrastructure Services Director Patrick Murphy and CEO Craig Barke, and Anthony Burgess with Mayor John Brent.



Valuing and rewarding our staff

Council is committed to providing a safe, positive work environment in which staff are valued and rewarded. Valued Employee Awards are presented on a quarterly and annual basis to employees who demonstrate outstanding performance in their role in line with Council's values.

Anthony Burgess was voted by staff as winner of the Valued Employee of the Year award for 2014. Council acknowledges the contributions of its staff who have achieved significant milestones of service to Scenic Rim and its predecessor Councils.

Long service recognition awards presented for 2014

Service Milestone	Employees
10 years	17
15 years	3
20 years	1
25 years	4
30 years	3

In addition, Trevor Denning, Mark Love and Bruce Murray were recognised for 40 years' service, and Trevor Antcliff for 45 years' service.



STATUTORY INFORMATION

THIS SECTION CONTAINS INFORMATION (OR THE CROSS-REFERENCE TO INFORMATION) WHICH IS PRESCRIBED BY THE *LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2009* AND *LOCAL GOVERNMENT REGULATION 2012* TO BE DISCLOSED IN COUNCIL'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2009

S45 Significant business activities

a. During the period Council operated the following Business Activities:

- Roads
- Waste Collection
- Building Certifying

b. None of the above activities satisfied the statutory threshold for classification as a significant business activity.

c. Council applied the competitive neutrality principle to these business activities.

d. None of these business activities commenced operations during the period.

S201 Remuneration paid to Senior Management Employees

The value of remuneration packages of senior management employees were:

Salary Band	No. of Employees
\$150,000 - \$250,000	3
\$250,000 - \$350,000	1

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REGULATION 2012

S183 Financial Statements

- a. The General Purpose Financial Statement is shown on Pages 58-61.
- b. The Current Year Financial Sustainability Statement is shown on Page 93.
- c. The Long-Term Financial Sustainability Statement is shown on Page 96.
- d. The Auditor-General's audit reports about the General Purpose Financial Statement and Current-Year Financial Sustainability Statement are shown on Pages 91-92 and 94-95.

S184 Community Financial Report

The Community Financial Report for the period is shown on Pages 12-17.

S185 Particular resolutions

- a. No resolutions were passed during the period to adopt or amend the Expenses Reimbursement Policy.
- b. No resolutions were passed during the period to amend the threshold for recognition or expensing of non-current physical assets.

S186 Councillors

a. Remuneration and superannuation payments to Councillors during 2014/15 were:

Councillor	Remuneration	Superannuation	Total
John Brent	\$116,957	\$14,035	\$130,992
Virginia West	\$73,099	\$8,772	\$81,871
Nigel Waistell	\$62,133	\$7,456	\$69,589
Nadia O'Carroll	\$62,133	\$7,456	\$69,589
Jennifer Sanders	\$62,133	\$7,456	\$69,589
Richard Stanfield	\$62,133	\$7,456	\$69,589
Duncan McInnes	\$62,133	\$7,456	\$69,589

b. The value of expenses incurred by, and the facilities provided to Councillors in 2014/15 was as follows:

Councillor	Mobile devices	Council vehicles	Training & Conferences	Total	Vehicle km Travelled
John Brent	\$2,021	\$8,567	\$6,561	\$17,149	39,340
Virginia West	\$2,364	\$5,992	\$2,589	\$10,945	30,341
Nigel Waistell	\$1,398	\$4,862	\$0	\$6,260	24,793
Nadia O'Carroll	\$852	\$3,013	\$373	\$4,238	19,248
Jennifer Sanders	\$1,374	\$3,690	\$3,048	\$8,112	18,112
Richard Stanfield	\$2,554	\$4,495	\$0	\$7,049	22,658
Duncan McInnes	\$1,041	\$4,685	\$1,903	\$7,629	18,773

A further \$765 was incurred on printing, stationery and landline for Councillors.

c. Meeting attendances for the year were as follows:

Councillor	Ordinary (12)	Special (3)	Planning & Development Committee (12)	Corporate & Community Services Committee (12)	Finance Committee (12)
John Brent	12	2	10	10	10
Nigel Waistell	11	3	11	11	11
Nadia O'Carroll	12	3	12	12	12
Virginia West	12	3	12	12	11
Jennifer Sanders	12	3	10	10	10
Rick Stanfield	12	3	12	12	11
Duncan McInnes	12	3	10	10	10

d & e. No orders or recommendations were made to Councillors during the period regarding inappropriate conduct, misconduct or official misconduct in 2014-15.

f. Statistics for complaints made against Councillors during 2014-15 were:

Complaint Type	LGA Section	Number
Complaints for which no further action was taken (i.e. assessed as frivolous or vexatious)	S176C(2)	Nil
Inappropriate conduct complaints referred to Department's CEO	S176C(3)(a)(i)	Nil
Inappropriate conduct complaints referred to Mayor	S176C(3)(a)(ii) or (b)(i)	Nil
Misconduct complaints referred to Department's CEO	S176C(4)(a)	Nil
Complaints of corrupt misconduct		Nil
Complaints heard by Regional Conduct Review Panel		Nil
Complaints heard by Local Government Remuneration and Discipline Tribunal		Nil
Other complaints dealt with	S176C(6)	Nil



S187 Administrative Action Complaints

A report regarding implementation of Council's Administrative Action Complaints Process is shown on Page 28.

S188 Overseas Travel

No overseas travel was made by a Councillor or Council employee in an official capacity during the period.

S189 Grants provided to Community organisations

a. Grants from Council Programs were:

Program	Grants Paid
Community Grants	\$154,905
Public Halls Assistance	\$26,400
Environmental Grants	\$74,000
Regional Arts Development Fund	\$77,673
Sport and Recreation Grants	\$50,000
Total	\$382,978

b. Council did not operate Councillor discretionary funds during the period.

S190 Other Matters

a. The assessment of our implementation of the Corporate Plan 2013-2018 and Operational Plan 2014-15 is included on Page 11.

b. Pages 19-51 of this report provide a detailed assessment of Council's performance for the year.

c. Council did not operate any commercial business units.

d. Council did not levy any special rates or charges a service, facility or activity supplied by another local government.

e. No invitations to change tenders were issued during the year.

f. The following registers were kept by Council during the period:

- Register of Interests
- Register of Delegations
- Council Policies
- Register of Local Laws
- Register of Cost Recovery Fees
- Register of Impounded Animals
- Dog Registry
- Road Map and Register
- Asset Register

- Register of Council Business Activities
- Register of Pre-qualified Suppliers
- Register of On-site sewerage and greywater use facilities
- Register of Backflow Prevention Devices
- Burial Register
- Infrastructure Charges Register
- Register of Resolutions about land subject to Flooding
- Register of Notices given under S251 Building Act
- Register of Pest Control and Entry Notices

g. Council allowed a discount of 5% on current year general rates if the total amount of all rates and charges included on an assessment for which the discount is allowed and all overdue rates and charges, is received by Council on or before the due date for payment, which is 30 days from date of issue shown on the rate notice.

As part of Council's commitment to preserve the environment, we provided a whole or partial concession on the General Rate to owners of land who entered into a Voluntary Conservation Covenant and/or a Voluntary Conservation Agreement, depending on the portion of the area of the conservation area defined in the Voluntary Conservation Covenant/ Agreement of the total area of land.

In 2014-15 Council granted a full rebate of the general rate, separate charge and the waste disposal utility charge to:

- Numerous community service organisations as listed in the Revenue Statement;
- Sporting groups and associations on Council-owned and controlled land that do not have a liquor licence;
- Stock dips and pump sites held separately from the balance of holdings or held separately by trustees; and
- Land identified as Historic Subdivisions under the Boonah Shire Council Planning Scheme

Council also granted a rebate of the lessor of \$100 or 10% of the gross rates and charges levied on rateable properties owned and occupied by totally and permanently incapacitated (TPI) veterans holding a TPI Gold Card.

h. The report on the internal audit for the year.

i & j Council did not receive any investigation notices about competitive neutrality complaints and no competitive neutrality complaint reports were received or responses required during the period.





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THIS SECTION CONTAINS THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 2014-15 FINANCIAL YEAR.

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Statement of Comprehensive Income
For the year ended 30 June 2015

	Note	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
Income			
Recurrent revenue			
Rates and utility charges	3	41,554	39,057
Fees and charges	4	4,308	3,852
Interest received		1,929	2,241
Sales of contract and recoverable works		3,811	3,486
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	5 i)	3,643	1,551
Share of profit from associate	12	1,957	1,404
Other revenues	6	2,114	2,301
Total recurrent revenue		59,316	53,892
Capital revenue			
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	5 ii)	28,685	33,030
Total income		88,001	86,922
Expenses			
Recurrent expenses			
Employee expenses	7	25,150	27,106
Materials and services	8	15,714	16,555
Finance costs		845	791
Depreciation and amortisation	9	11,533	11,633
Total recurrent expenses		53,242	56,085
Capital expenses			
		11,983	2,267
Total expenses		65,225	58,352
Net result		22,776	28,570
Other comprehensive income			
Items that will not be reclassified to net result			
Increase / (decrease) in asset revaluation surplus	18	1,090	185
Share of other comprehensive income from associate	12	5	13
Total comprehensive income for the year		23,871	28,768

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

Scenic Rim Regional Council
Statement of Financial Position
As at 30 June 2015

	Note	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	10	19,219	14,334
Trade and other receivables	11	8,064	13,700
Inventories		1,334	909
Other assets		564	732
		<u>29,181</u>	<u>29,675</u>
Non-current assets classified as held for sale		920	1,120
Total current assets		30,101	30,795
Non-current assets			
Trade and other receivables	11	14,683	14,685
Investment in associate	12	31,886	30,704
Intangible assets		1,155	1,294
Property, plant and equipment	13	698,934	677,311
Total non-current assets		746,658	723,994
Total assets		776,759	754,789
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	15	7,030	10,029
Borrowings	16	727	632
Provisions	17	5,273	5,109
Other liabilities		15	4
Total current liabilities		13,045	15,774
Non-current liabilities			
Borrowings	16	17,163	13,892
Provisions	17	1,614	4,057
Total non-current liabilities		18,777	17,949
Total liabilities		31,822	33,723
Net assets		744,937	721,066
Equity			
Accumulated surplus		529,799	507,018
Asset revaluation surplus	18	215,138	214,048
Total equity		744,937	721,066

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

Scenic Rim Regional Council
Statement of Cash Flows
For the year ended 30 June 2015

	Note	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
Cash flows from operating activities			
<i>Inflows:</i>			
Receipts from customers		57,319	56,052
Interest received		1,947	2,276
Grants, subsidies and contributions		5,684	1,885
<i>Outflows:</i>			
Payments to suppliers and employees		(47,536)	(50,074)
Interest expense		(819)	(678)
Net cash inflow / (outflow) from operating activities	23	16,595	9,461
Cash flows from investing activities			
<i>Inflows:</i>			
Proceeds from sale of property plant and equipment		957	1,646
Grants, subsidies and contributions for capital acquisitions		30,923	32,527
Dividend received from associate		688	547
<i>Outflows:</i>			
Payments for property, plant and equipment		(47,542)	(55,230)
Payments for intangible assets		(102)	(320)
Net cash inflow / (outflow) from investing activities		(15,076)	(20,830)
Cash flows from financing activities			
<i>Inflows:</i>			
Proceeds from borrowings		4,000	4,000
<i>Outflows:</i>			
Repayment of borrowings		(634)	(545)
Net cash inflow / (outflow) from financing activities		3,366	3,455
Net increase / (decrease) in cash held		4,885	(7,914)
Cash at beginning of reporting period		14,334	22,248
Cash at end of reporting period	10	19,219	14,334

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

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Statement of Changes in Equity
For the year ended 30 June 2015

	Accumulated surplus	Asset revaluation surplus 18	Total
Note	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Balance as at 1 July 2014	507,018	214,048	721,066
Net operating result	22,776	0	22,776
Other comprehensive income			
Revaluations of property, plant and equipment	0	(1,304)	(1,304)
Change in value of future rehabilitation cost	0	2,394	2,394
Share of other comprehensive income from associate	5	0	5
Total comprehensive income for the year	22,781	1,090	23,871
Balance as at 30 June 2015	529,799	215,138	744,937
Balance as at 1 July 2013	478,435	213,862	692,297
Net operating result	28,570	0	28,570
Other comprehensive income			
Revaluations of property, plant and equipment	0	166	166
Change in value of future rehabilitation cost	0	20	20
Share of other comprehensive income from associate	13	0	13
Total comprehensive income for the year	28,583	186	28,769
Balance as at 30 June 2014	507,018	214,048	721,066

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

1 Significant Accounting Policies

1.A Basis of Preparation

These general purpose financial statements are for the period 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015 and have been prepared in compliance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 2009* and the *Local Government Regulation 2012*. Consequently, these financial statements have been prepared in accordance with all Australian Accounting Standards, Australian Accounting Interpretations and other authoritative pronouncements issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board.

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the revaluation of certain non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities.

The Council uses the Australian Dollar as its functional currency and its presentation currency.

The Scenic Rim Regional Council is constituted under the Queensland *Local Government Act 2009* and is domiciled in Australia.

Amounts included in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest \$1,000.

Comparative information has been restated where necessary to be consistent with disclosures in the current reporting period.

Recurrent / capital classification

Revenue and expenditure are presented as "recurrent" or "capital" in the Statement of Comprehensive Income on the following basis:

Capital Revenue includes grants and subsidies received which are tied to specific projects for the replacement or upgrade of existing non-current assets and/or investment in new assets. It also includes non-cash contributions which are usually infrastructure assets received from developers.

Disposal of non-current asset transactions are classified as either "Capital Income" or "Capital Expenses" depending on whether they result in accounting gains or losses. All other revenues and expenses have been classified as "recurrent".

1.B Statement of Compliance

These general purpose financial statements comply with all accounting standards and interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) that are relevant to Council's operations and effective for the current reporting period. Because the Council is a not-for-profit entity and the Australian Accounting Standards include requirements for not-for-profit entities which are inconsistent with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), to the extent these inconsistencies are applied, these financial statements do not comply with IFRS. The main impacts are the offsetting of revaluation and impairment gains and losses within a class of assets and the timing of the recognition of non-reciprocal grant revenue.

1.C Adoption of New and Revised Accounting Standards

In the current year, Council adopted all of the new and revised Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) that are relevant to its operations and effective for the current reporting period. The adoption of the new and revised Standards and Interpretations has not resulted in any material changes to Council's accounting policies.

At the date of authorisation of the financial report, the new and amended Australian Accounting Standards with future commencement dates are not likely to have a material impact on the financial statements.

1.D Critical Accounting Estimates

In the application of Council's accounting policies, management is required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates. The estimates and ongoing assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised and in future periods as relevant.

Judgements, estimates and assumptions that have a potential significant effect are outlined in the following financial statement notes:

- Valuation of property, plant and equipment - Note 1.J, Note 13 and Note 14
- Depreciation of property, plant and equipment - Note 1.J, Note 9 and Note 13
- Impairment of property, plant and equipment - Note 1.K, Note 13 and Note 14
- Grants and subsidies – Note 1.E and Note 5
- Provisions - Note 1.N and Note 17
- Payables - Note 1.M and Note 15
- Contingent liabilities - Note 20

1.E Income

Rates

Where rate monies are received prior to the commencement of the rating period, the amount is recognised as revenue in the period in which they are received.

Fees and Charges

Fees and charges are recognised upon unconditional entitlement to the funds. Generally this is upon lodgement of the relevant applications or documents, issuing of the infringement notice or when the service is provided.

Grants and Subsidies

Grants, subsidies and contributions that are non-reciprocal in nature are recognised as revenue in the year in which Council obtains control over them. Where grants are received that are reciprocal in nature, revenue is recognised as the various performance obligations under the funding agreement are fulfilled. Council does not currently have any reciprocal grants.

Non-Cash Contributions

Non-cash contributions with a value in excess of the recognition thresholds set out in Note 1.J are recognised as revenue and as non-current assets. Non-cash contributions below the thresholds are recorded as revenue and expenses.

Physical assets contributed to Council by developers in the form of road works, stormwater infrastructure and park equipment are recognised as revenue when the development becomes "on maintenance" (i.e. the Council obtains control of the assets and becomes liable for any ongoing maintenance) and there is sufficient data in the form of drawings and plans to determine the approximate specifications and values of such assets. All non-cash contributions are recognised at the fair value of the contribution received on the date of acquisition.

1.F Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, all cash and cheques receipted but not banked at 30 June 2015, deposits held at call with financial institutions, and other short-term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash at the Council's option and that are subject to a low risk of changes in value.

The Council considers all its term deposits, being for periods of six months or less to be cash equivalents.

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1.G Receivables

Trade debtors are recognised at the amounts due at the time of sale or service delivery, settlement on trade debtors being generally required within 30 days from the invoice date.

The collectability of receivables is assessed periodically with an allowance being made for impairment if required.

Loans and advances to community groups are recognised at cost. Terms are usually a maximum of five years with no interest charged. Security is not normally obtained.

The loan to Queensland Urban Utilities is carried at amortised cost and is an interest only loan.

1.H Financial assets and financial liabilities

Council recognises a financial asset or a financial liability in its Statement of Financial Position, when, and only when, Council becomes a party to the contractual provision of the instrument.

Council has categorised and measured the financial assets and financial liabilities held at reporting date as follows:

Financial assets

Cash and cash equivalents (Note 1.F)

Receivables – measured at amortised cost (Note 1.G)

Financial liabilities

Payables – measured at amortised cost (Note 1.M)

Borrowings – measured at amortised cost (Note 1.O)

Financial assets and financial liabilities are presented separately from each other and offsetting has not been applied.

The Council minimises its exposure to financial risk in the following ways:

- Investments in financial assets are only made where those assets are with a bank or other financial institution in Australia and are for a period of less than one year.
- The Council does not invest in stocks, bonds, currencies, commodities or other high risk investments.
- When the Council borrows, it borrows from the Queensland Treasury Corporation unless another financial institution can offer a more beneficial rate, taking into account any risk.

Disclosures relating to financial risk management of financial instruments are included in Note 25.

1.I Investment in an associate

Participation rights held in Queensland Urban Utilities (QUU) are accounted for using the equity method to reflect Council's significant influence on QUU. The initial value of the participating rights on 1 July 2010 was calculated using a regulatory asset base valuation, and by applying a ratio agreed by the participating Councils and QUU. The value at year end includes Council's share of QUU's profit and other comprehensive income at 30 June 2015 (refer Note 12).

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1.J Property, Plant and Equipment

Items of plant and equipment with a total value of less than \$5,000, road reseals/resheeting with a total value of less than \$2,000 and all other infrastructure assets and buildings with a total value of less than \$10,000, are treated as an expense in the year of acquisition. All other items of property, plant and equipment are capitalised.

The classes of property, plant and equipment recognised by Council are:

Land
Buildings
Road and bridge network
Drainage
Other infrastructure
Major plant and equipment (acquisition cost greater than \$100,000)
Other plant and equipment
Capital work in progress

Acquisition of Assets

Acquisitions of assets are initially recorded at cost. Cost is determined as the fair value of the assets given as consideration plus costs incidental to the acquisition, including freight in, architect's fees and engineering design fees and all other establishment costs.

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

Capital Work in Progress

The cost of property, plant and equipment being constructed by the Council includes the cost of purchased services, materials, direct labour and an appropriate proportion of labour overheads.

Capital and operating expenditure

Wage and materials expenditure incurred for the acquisition or construction of assets is treated as capital expenditure. Routine operating maintenance, repair costs and minor renewals to maintain the operational capacity of the non-current asset is expensed as incurred, while expenditure that relates to replacement of a major component of an asset to maintain its service potential is capitalised.

Valuation

Land, buildings, infrastructure and major plant and equipment are measured on the revaluation basis, at fair value, in accordance with *AASB116 Property, Plant and Equipment* and *AASB 13 Fair Value Measurement*. Other plant and equipment and capital work in progress are measured at cost.

Non-current physical assets measured at fair value are revalued where required so that the carrying amount of each class of asset does not materially differ from its fair value at the reporting date. This revaluation involves the application of a suitable index to the cost elements of each asset or an independent assessment of the value.

A comprehensive revaluation by external valuers is performed at intervals of no greater than 5 years. Details of valuers and methods of valuations are disclosed in Note 14.

Depreciation

Land is not depreciated as it has an unlimited useful life. Plant and equipment and other infrastructure assets are depreciated on a straight line basis over its useful life. Council has adopted the Advanced Straight-line Asset Management (Advanced SLAM) method of depreciation which is a consumption based depreciation method for its infrastructure assets. When applying the Advanced SLAM method the asset lifecycle is divided into a number of distinct phases identified as periods of transition between various consumption ratings. The consumption (depreciation) of the asset is calculated by making reference to the time of transition for each phase taking into account the relative reduction in asset value.

Assets are depreciated from the date of acquisition or, in respect of internally constructed assets, from the time an asset is completed and commissioned ready for use.

Where assets have separately identifiable components that are subject to regular replacement, these components are assigned useful lives distinct from the asset to which they relate. Any expenditure that increases the originally assessed capacity or service potential of an asset is capitalised and the new depreciable amount is depreciated over the remaining useful life of the asset to the Council.

Major spares purchased specifically for particular assets that are above the asset recognition threshold are capitalised and depreciated on the same basis as the asset to which they relate.

The depreciable amount of improvements to or on leasehold land is allocated progressively over the estimated useful lives of the improvements to the Council or the unexpired period of the lease, whichever is the shorter.

The estimated useful lives of property, plant and equipment are reviewed annually. Details of the range of useful lives for each class of asset are shown in Note 13.

1.K Impairment of Non-Current Assets

All non-current physical and intangible assets are assessed for indicators of impairment on an annual basis.

1.L Leases

Leases of property, plant and equipment where substantially all the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are classified as operating leases.

Payments made under operating leases are expensed in equal instalments over the accounting periods covered by the lease term, except where an alternative basis is more representative of the pattern of benefits to be derived from the leased property.

1.M Payables

(i) Trade creditors

A liability for trade creditors is recognised upon receipt of the goods or services ordered and are measured at the agreed purchase/contract price net of applicable discounts other than contingent discounts. Amounts owing are unsecured and are generally settled on 30 day terms.

(ii) Salaries and wages

A liability for salaries and wages is recognised and measured as the amount unpaid at the reporting date at current pay rates in respect of employees' services up to that date.

(iii) Annual leave

A liability for annual leave has been calculated based on the present value of wage and salary levels that will be paid when the liability is expected to be settled and includes related employee on-costs. All annual leave is classified as current as Council does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement beyond twelve months.

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1.N Provisions

A provision for long service leave has been calculated based on the present value of wage and salary levels that will be paid when the liability is expected to be settled and includes related employee on-costs.

Long service leave is treated as current where Council does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement beyond twelve months. All other long service leave is treated as non-current.

1.O Borrowings

Loans payable are measured at amortised cost. Interest is recognised as it accrues. Borrowing costs are treated as an expense, as assets constructed by the Council are generally completed within one year and therefore are not considered to be qualifying assets.

Gains and losses on the early redemption of borrowings are recorded as an adjustment to the finance costs.

Principal and interest repayments are made annually in arrears. Borrowings are underwritten by the Queensland State Government.

1.P Taxation

Income of local authorities and public authorities is exempt from Commonwealth taxation except for Fringe Benefits Tax and Goods and Services Tax (GST). The net amount of GST recoverable from the ATO is shown as an asset.

Council has a participating interest in the Central SEQ Distributor-Retailer Authority (trading as QUU) governed by a Participation Agreement. The Authority is subject to the Local Government Tax Equivalents Regime (LGTER). Under the LGTER the Authority is required to make income tax equivalent payments to Council in accordance with the requirements of the Participation Agreement. Income tax equivalent payments from the Authority are recognised as revenue when the significant risks and rewards related to the corresponding assets have been transferred to Council.

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2 Analysis of results by function

(a) Components of Council functions

The activities relating to the Council's components reported on in Note 2(b) are as follows :

Works

The objective of this function is to ensure the community is serviced by a high quality and effective road network. The function provides construction and maintenance works on Council's road and bridge network.

Waste management

The objective of this function is to protect and support our community and natural environment by sustainably managing waste. The function provides waste collection and disposal services.

Infrastructure services (excluding works and waste management)

The objective of this function is to provide professional services to assist with infrastructure construction, maintenance and asset management. This includes the provision of design services, asset management, facility management and fleet management services. The function also includes disaster management.

Executive

The objective of this function is to provide high quality support to the Mayor and Councillors and Chief Executive Officer including communications and engagement. This function also includes the provision of the human resources function across all of Council.

Finance and information services

The objective of this function includes the provision of professional financial and information services across all of Council. The function includes finance, information technology and records.

Regional services

This function includes community and culture, health, building and environment services, planning services and governance. The objectives of the function include:

Community services - assist in building community capacity through sport, recreation, arts and culture. Provide a strong advocacy for quality health, social services education and training services. Encourage local investment and sustainable business practices, and provide appropriate tools, opportunities, incentives and support to the business sector.

Health, building and environment - deliver public health and safety risk management initiatives, education and healthy lifestyle programs. Provide streamlined and practical regulatory services. Conserve, protect and enhance the region's unique biodiversity, scenic vistas, natural resources and ecological processes.

Planning - facilitate the regions growth and prosperity through well planned and quality development.

Governance - provides the framework to ensure that Council complies with its legislative requirements and facilitates processes for accountability and transparent decision making, performance management and ethical behaviour.

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2 (b) Revenue, expenses and assets have been attributed to the following functions:

Year ended 30 June 2015

Functions	Income		Total income	Total expenses	Net result for period	Assets
	Grants	Other				
	2015 \$'000	2015 \$'000	2015 \$'000	2015 \$'000	2015 \$'000	2015 \$'000
Works	28,063	3,697	31,760	29,106	2,654	576,687
Waste management	0	6,321	6,321	6,006	315	8,471
Infrastructure services	448	1,296	1,744	7,397	(5,653)	105,584
Executive	6	5	11	3,422	(3,411)	0
Finance and information services	39	300	339	5,331	(4,992)	0
Regional services	688	2,933	3,621	12,210	(8,589)	0
Other corporate functions	3,084	41,121	44,205	1,753	42,452	86,017
Total	32,328	55,673	88,001	65,225	22,776	776,759

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Functions	Income		Total income	Total expenses	Net result for period	Assets
	Grants	Other				
	2014 \$'000	2014 \$'000	2014 \$'000	2014 \$'000	2014 \$'000	2014 \$'000
Works	32,215	3,403	35,617	20,155	15,462	511,248
Waste management	9	5,884	5,893	5,747	146	7,896
Infrastructure services	594	1,389	1,982	8,116	(6,134)	105,960
Executive	2	1	3	3,733	(3,730)	0
Corporate services	64	349	414	6,175	(5,761)	0
Regional services	294	2,585	2,879	12,768	(9,889)	0
Other corporate functions	1,403	38,728	40,132	1,656	38,476	129,685
Total	34,581	52,339	86,920	58,350	28,570	754,789

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	2015	2014
	\$'000	\$'000
3 Rates and utility charges		
General rates	32,870	30,759
Separate rates	5,504	5,252
Garbage charges	4,516	4,235
Rates and utility charge revenue	42,890	40,246
Less: Discounts	(1,336)	(1,189)
Net rates and utility charges	41,554	39,057
4 Fees and charges		
Animal management fees	228	218
Building fees	870	746
Caravan park fees	345	337
Cemetery fees	413	303
Document lodgement fees	169	169
Food premises licencing fees	149	131
Planning application fees	771	677
Refuse tipping fees	662	662
Search fees	178	185
Subdivision fees	162	134
Other fees and charges	361	290
	4,308	3,852
5 Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations		
i) Recurrent - grants and subsidies, and other contributions are analysed as follows:		
Commonwealth general purpose grant	3,058	1,403
Other commonwealth government grants	61	0
State government subsidies & grants	432	90
Contributions	92	58
Total recurrent grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	3,643	1,551
ii) Capital - grants and subsidies, other contributions and donations are analysed as follows:		
a) Monetary revenue designated for capital funding purposes:		
Commonwealth government grants	761	915
State Government subsidies & grants	25,491	28,855
Contributions	1,403	842
	27,655	30,612
b) Non-monetary revenue received is analysed as follows:		
Roads and drainage contributed by developers at fair value	992	1,996
Other physical assets contributed by developers at fair value	38	422
	1,030	2,418
Total capital grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	28,685	33,030
Conditions over contributions		
Contributions recognised as income during the reporting period and which were obtained on the condition that they be expended in a manner specified by the contributor but had not been expended at the reporting date:		
Non-reciprocal grants for expenditure on infrastructure	0	1,922

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	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
Note		
6 Other revenues		
Cultural centre revenues	226	238
Rental fees	125	105
Tax equivalent - Queensland Urban Utilities	476	508
Waste charges from Logan City Council	751	599
Fuel rebates	168	306
Other revenues	368	545
	2,114	2,301
7 Employee expenses		
Total staff wages and salaries	23,202	25,654
Councillors' remuneration	503	482
Annual, sick and long service leave entitlements	2,231	2,609
Superannuation	2,999	3,103
Other employee related expenses	1,152	1,443
	30,087	33,291
Less: Capitalised employee expenses	(4,937)	(6,185)
	25,150	27,106
Councillor remuneration represents salary, and other allowances paid in respect of carrying out their duties.		
Total Council employees at end of reporting period:		
Elected members	7	7
Administration staff	185	188
Depot and outdoors staff	165	167
Total full time equivalent employees	357	362
8 Materials and services		
Audit services	124	109
Cultural services	377	358
Donations paid	389	310
IT systems maintenance	819	607
Maintenance and operations - facilities	3,446	3,546
Maintenance and operations - fleet	2,451	2,758
Maintenance and operations - parks, gardens and cemeteries	583	552
Maintenance and operations - roads and bridges	1,412	1,298
Maintenance and operations - waste facilities	1,450	1,380
Office expenses	495	503
Pest and animal management	322	294
Recoverable works	888	1,097
Rentals - Operating leases	468	534
Strategic planning	139	178
Waste collection contract	2,518	2,411
Legal costs	383	1,036
Other materials and services	2,970	3,286
	19,234	20,257
Less: Capitalised fleet expenses	(3,520)	(3,702)
	15,714	16,555

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	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
9 Depreciation and amortisation		
Depreciation expense (refer Note 13)	11,292	11,421
Amortisation - intangible assets	241	212
	<u>11,533</u>	<u>11,633</u>
10 Cash and cash equivalents		
Cash at bank and on hand	521	2,218
Term deposits at variable interest rates	18,698	12,116
Balance as per statement of cash flows	<u>19,219</u>	<u>14,334</u>
Externally imposed expenditure restrictions at the reporting date in relation to unspent government grants and subsidies:	0	1,922
Cash and deposits at call are held in normal savings and business accounts of various Institutions		
Council has no bank overdraft facility		
11 Trade and other receivables		
<i>Current</i>		
Rateable revenue and utility charges	1,717	2,467
GST recoverable	468	630
Other debtors	5,879	10,606
Less: Impairment	0	(3)
	<u>8,064</u>	<u>13,700</u>
Interest is charged on outstanding rates at a rate of 11% per annum. No interest is charged on other debtors. There is no concentration of credit risk for rates and utility charges, fees and other debtors receivable.		
<i>Non-current</i>		
Interest free loans to community organisations	7	9
Shareholder loan - Queensland Urban Utilities	14,676	14,676
	<u>14,683</u>	<u>14,685</u>
12 Investment in associate		
Name of the associate - Queensland Urban Utilities		
Principal activity - Water and sewerage services		
Proportion of ownership interest - 1.042%		
Council's investment in the associate comprises:		
Participation rights	31,886	30,704
Details of movements in participation rights		
Opening balance	30,704	30,026
<i>Plus</i> share of profit of associate	1,957	1,404
<i>Plus</i> share of other comprehensive income	5	13
<i>Less</i> dividends received and accrued	(780)	(739)
Closing balance at end of year	<u>31,886</u>	<u>30,704</u>
Extract from the associates statement of comprehensive income:		
Revenue	1,193,354	1,069,077
Net profit	187,798	133,450
Extract from the associates statement of financial position:		
Current assets	356,072	277,359
Non-current assets	5,173,869	5,043,233
	<u>5,529,941</u>	<u>5,320,592</u>
Current liabilities	309,289	229,822
Non-current liabilities	2,188,993	2,172,346
	<u>2,498,282</u>	<u>2,402,168</u>
Net assets	3,031,659	2,918,424

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13 Property, plant and equipment

Basis of measurement	Valuation		Cost		Capital work in progress		Total
	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	
Asset Values							
Opening gross value as at 1 July 2014	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Additions*	51,574	69,576	567,430	39,114	5,132	49,352	802,529
Contributed assets at valuation	0	0	0	0	304	1,520	42,230
Disposals	0	38	808	184	0	0	1,030
Write-offs	(200)	0	0	0	0	(485)	(1,693)
Revaluation adjustment due to valuation review	0	(396)	(22,099)	(37)	(1,800)	0	(25,840)
Assets classified as held for resale	0	0	0	0	(2,369)	0	(2,369)
Transfers between classes	200	0	0	0	0	0	200
Closing gross value	51,911	69,987	628,501	40,176	2,706	(85,822)	819,780

Accumulated depreciation and impairment

Opening balance as at 1 July 2014	9	0	10,830	99,764	4,292	3,213	1,397	5,722	0	126,218
Depreciation provided in period	0	836	7,784	275	303	1,026	1,068	(489)	0	11,292
Depreciation on disposals	0	0	0	0	0	(119)	(489)	0	0	(608)
Depreciation on write-offs	0	(128)	(11,230)	(9)	(1,880)	0	(944)	0	0	(13,991)
Revaluation adjustment due to valuation review	0	0	0	0	(1,065)	0	0	0	0	(1,065)
Closing accumulated depreciation balance	0	11,538	96,318	4,558	771	2,304	5,357	0	0	120,846

Net Value as at 30 June 2015

Range of estimated useful life in years

Not depreciated	6-300		4-240		70-210		5-75		1-9		2-40		Not depreciated	
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Infrastructure renewals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33,715	33,715
Other additions	0	0	0	0	0	0	304	1,868	1,868	0	1,520	1,520	8,515	12,207
Total additions	0	0	0	0	0	0	304	1,868	1,868	0	1,520	1,520	42,230	45,922

*Additions comprise:

Infrastructure renewals
Other additions
Total additions

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13 Property, plant and equipment

Basis of measurement	Land		Buildings		Road and bridge network		Drainage		Other infrastructure		Major plant and equipment		Other plant and equipment		Capital work in progress		Total
	Valuation 2014 \$'000	Valuation 2014 \$'000	Valuation 2014 \$'000	Valuation 2014 \$'000	Valuation 2014 \$'000	Valuation 2014 \$'000	Valuation 2014 \$'000	Valuation 2014 \$'000	Valuation 2014 \$'000	Valuation 2014 \$'000	Valuation 2014 \$'000	Valuation 2014 \$'000	Valuation 2014 \$'000	Valuation 2014 \$'000	Valuation 2014 \$'000	Valuation 2014 \$'000	
Asset Values																	
Opening gross value as at 1 July 2013	51,692	68,103	543,601	41,763	4,956	13,071	11,345	26,196	51,737	55,241	780,726						
Additions *	0	0	0	0	0	1,441	2,064	51,737	0	2,418							
Contributed assets at valuation	0	384	1,579	417	0	0	39	0	(1,894)	0	2,418						
Disposals	(325)	0	0	0	0	(623)	(1,894)	0	(1,799)	0	(6,152)						
Write-offs	0	(397)	(5,563)	(14)	0	0	(179)	0	0	0	(6,152)						
Revaluation adjustment due to valuation review	848	2,042	0	(3,361)	176	(5,644)	0	0	0	0	(5,940)						
Assets classified as held for resale	(923)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(923)						
Transfer to intangible assets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1)						
Transfers between classes	283	(556)	27,813	309	0	308	424	(28,581)	0	0	(1)						
Closing gross value	51,574	69,576	567,430	39,114	5,132	8,553	11,799	49,352	802,529								

Accumulated depreciation and impairment

Opening balance as at 1 July 2013	0	8,535	95,382	6,227	2,957	6,209	5,702	0	125,011
Depreciation provided in period	0	888	7,866	271	170	1,165	1,061	0	11,421
Depreciation on disposals	0	0	0	0	0	(249)	(973)	0	(1,221)
Depreciation on write-offs	0	(108)	(3,598)	(4)	0	0	(177)	0	(3,887)
Revaluation adjustment due to valuation review	0	1,790	0	(2,202)	86	(5,779)	0	0	(6,106)
Transfers between classes	0	(275)	114	0	0	52	109	0	0
Closing accumulated depreciation balance	0	10,830	99,764	4,292	3,213	1,397	5,722	0	125,218
Net value as at 30 June 2014	51,574	58,746	467,666	34,822	1,919	7,156	6,077	49,352	677,311

Range of estimated useful life in years

	Not depreciated	10-150	12-100	60	5-75	5-25	2-25	Not depreciated
\$'000	0	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Infrastructure renewals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	47,112
Other additions	0	0	0	0	0	1,441	2,064	4,625
Total additions	0	0	0	0	0	1,441	2,064	51,737

*Additions comprise:

Infrastructure renewals
Other additions
Total additions

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14 Fair value measurements

(i) Recognised fair value measurements

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

- Property, plant and equipment
 - Land
 - Buildings
 - Road and bridge network
 - Drainage
 - Other infrastructure
 - Major plant and equipment

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

Borrowings are measured at amortised cost with interest recognised in profit or loss when incurred. The fair value of borrowings disclosed in Note 16 is provided by the Queensland Treasury Corporation and represents the contractual undiscounted cash flows at balance date (level 2).

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

Council also has assets measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis as a result of being reclassified as assets held for sale. These comprise land that is surplus to Council's requirements as disclosed in the Statement of Financial Position. A description of the valuation techniques and the inputs used to determine the fair value of this land is included below under the heading "Non-recurring fair value measurements (level 2)".

In accordance with AASB 13 fair value measurements are categorised on the following basis:

- Fair value based on quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1)
- Fair value based on inputs that are directly or indirectly observable for the asset or liability (level 2)
- Fair value based on unobservable inputs for the asset and liability (level 3)

The following table categorises fair value measurements as either level 2 or level 3 in accordance with AASB 13. Council does not have any assets or liabilities measured at fair value which meet the criteria for categorisation as level 1.

The fair values of the assets are determined using valuation techniques which maximise the use of observable data, where it is available, and minimise the use of entity specific estimates. If all significant inputs required to fair value an asset are observable, the asset is included in level 2. If one or more of the significant inputs is not based on observable market data, the asset is included in level 3. This is the case for Council infrastructure assets, which are of a specialist nature for which there is no active market for similar or identical assets. These assets are valued using a combination of observable and unobservable inputs.

The table presents the Council's assets measured and recognised at fair value at 30 June 2015.

At 30 June 2015	Note	Level 2 (Significant observable inputs)		Level 3 (Significant unobservable)		Total	
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000	
		2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014
Recurring fair value measurements							
Land	13	51,911	51,574	0	0	51,911	51,574
Buildings	13	1,228	1,249	57,221	57,497	58,449	58,746
Road and bridge network	13	0	0	532,183	467,666	532,183	467,666
Drainage	13	0	0	35,618	34,822	35,618	34,822
Other infrastructure	13	0	0	1,935	1,919	1,935	1,919
Major plant and equipment	13	7,420	6,915	212	241	7,632	7,156
		60,558	59,738	627,170	562,145	687,728	621,883
Non-recurring fair value measurements							
Land		920	1,120	0	0	920	1,120

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

14 Fair value measurements

(ii) Valuation techniques used to derive fair values for level 2 and level 3 valuations

Specific valuation techniques used to value Council assets comprise:

Land (Level 2)

Land fair values were determined by independent valuer, APV Valuers and Asset Management (APV) effective 30 June 2015. The last comprehensive revaluation was performed by APV as at 1 July 2013. An interim revaluation using appropriate indices was performed by APV as at 30 June 2015.

Level 2 valuation inputs were used to value land held in freehold title as well as land used for special purposes which is restricted in use under current zoning rules. Sales prices of comparable land sites in close proximity are adjusted for differences in key attributes such as property size. The most significant inputs into this valuation approach are price per square metre.

Buildings (Level 2 and 3)

The fair value of buildings were determined by independent valuer, APV effective 30 June 2015. The last comprehensive revaluation was performed by APV as at 1 July 2013. An interim revaluation using appropriate indices was performed by APV as at 30 June 2015.

Level 2 Valuation

These were used to determine the fair value of a range of properties. This included the bulk of residential and commercial properties. The residential properties fair value has been derived from sale prices of comparable properties after adjusting for differences in key attributes such as property size. The most significant inputs into this valuation approach are price per square metre.

Commercial buildings have been generally derived using a combination of sales direct comparison approach and capitalisation of income approach. Fair value has been derived from sale prices of comparable properties after adjusting for differences in key attributes such as property size. The most significant inputs into this valuation approach are rental yields and price per square metre.

Level 3 Valuation

Specialised buildings were valued using the cost approach using professionally qualified registered valuers. The approach estimated the replacement cost for each building by componentising the buildings into significant parts with different useful lives and taking into account a range of factors. While the unit rates based on square metres could be supported from market evidence (level 2) other inputs (such as estimates of residual value, useful life, pattern of consumption and asset condition) require extensive professional judgement and impacted significantly on the final determination of fair value. As such these assets were classified as having been valued using level 3 inputs.

Fair value sensitivity to unobservable inputs

The following table provides a summary of the unobservable inputs and an assessment of the sensitivity of these to the fair value measurements.

Asset	Unobservable inputs	Sensitivity to unobservable market inputs (%)		Amount of potential impact (\$'000)	
		Lower	Upper	Lower	Upper
Buildings	Relationship between asset consumption rating and the level of consumed service potential	-2.50%	2.50%	-1,431	1,431

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Road, bridge, drainage and other infrastructure assets (Level 3)

The fair value of infrastructure and other infrastructure assets was determined by independent valuer, APV effective 30 June 2015. The last comprehensive revaluation was performed by APV as at 1 July 2013. An interim revaluation using appropriate indices was performed by APV as at 30 June 2015. The following methods were used to determine the fair value measurements.

Road, bridge, drainage and other infrastructure assets were valued using level 3 valuation inputs using the cost approach. The approach estimated the replacement cost for each asset by componentising the assets into significant parts with different useful lives and taking into account a range of factors. While the unit rates based on square metres or similar capacity could be supported from market evidence (level 2) other inputs (such as estimates of residual value, useful life, pattern of consumption and asset condition) required extensive professional judgement and impacted significantly on the final determination of fair value. As such these assets were classified as having been valued using level 3 valuation inputs.

During the year there were a number of new projects completed where the actual cost was recorded and the impact of depreciation at year end was negligible. While these could be classified as valued at level 2 given the low proportion of the total portfolio that these represented and the likelihood that in future valuations they would most likely be valued at level 3 we have adopted a policy that all road, bridge, drainage and other infrastructure assets are deemed to be valued at level 3.

The quantitative disclosures of the remaining service potential (RSP) relating to each corresponding condition score for each of the patterns of consumption utilised in this valuation are as follows:

Score	Description	% RSP of Depreciable Amount				
		Straight Line	Low	Mod	High	Extreme
0	New or very good condition – very high level of remaining service potential.	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
1	Not new but in very good condition with no indicators of any future obsolescence and providing a high level of remaining service potential.	85%	92%	94%	98%	100%
2	Aged and in good condition, providing an adequate level of remaining service potential. No signs of immediate or short term obsolescence.	50%	65%	75%	85%	99%
3	Providing an adequate level of remaining service potential but there are some concerns over the asset's ability to continue to provide an adequate level of service in the short to medium term. May be signs of obsolescence in short to mid term.	25%	40%	54%	70%	90%
4	Indicators showing the need to renew, upgrade or scrap in near future. Should be reflected by inclusion in the Capital Works Plan to renew or replace in short term. Very low level of remaining service potential.	10%	20%	34%	45%	70%
5	At intervention point. No longer providing an acceptable level of service. If remedial action is not taken immediately the asset will need to be closed or decommissioned.	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
6	Theoretical end of life.	Fully Written Off				

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Fair value sensitivity to unobservable inputs

The following table provides a summary of the unobservable inputs and an assessment of the sensitivity of these to the fair value measurements.

Asset	Unobservable inputs	Sensitivity to unobservable market inputs (%)		Amount of potential impact (\$'000)	
		Lower	Upper	Lower	Upper
Roads, bridges, drainage and other infrastructure	Condition of the asset where based on condition as supplied by client	-2.50%	2.50%	-14,243	14,243
Roads, bridges, drainage and other infrastructure	Relationship between asset consumption rating and the level of consumed service potential	-2.50%	2.50%	-14,243	14,243

Major plant and equipment (Level 2 and 3)

The fair value of major plant was determined by independent valuer, APV effective 30 June 2015. The last comprehensive revaluation was performed by APV as at 1 July 2013. An interim revaluation using appropriate indices was performed by APV as at 30 June 2015.

Major plant assets have generally been derived from comparable sales and relevant industry market price reference guides and have been classified as being valued at level 2. The most significant inputs into this valuation approach are the make, size, year of manufacture and condition.

Some items of plant however are unique in design or there was insufficient observable market evidence to support the valuation. As a result the valuation was performed using the cost approach. The approach estimated the replacement cost for each asset by componentising the assets into significant parts with different useful lives and taking into account a range of factors. While the unit rates based on similar capacity could be supported from market evidence (level 2) other inputs (such as estimates of residual value, useful life, pattern of consumption and asset condition) required extensive professional judgement and impacted significantly on the final determination of fair value. As such these assets were classified as having been valued using level 3 valuation inputs.

Fair value sensitivity to unobservable inputs

The following table provides a summary of the unobservable inputs and an assessment of the sensitivity of these to the fair value measurements.

Asset	Unobservable inputs	Sensitivity to unobservable market inputs (%)		Amount of potential impact (\$'000)	
		Lower	Upper	Lower	Upper
Major plant and equipment	Condition of the asset where based on inspection condition	-2.50%	2.50%	-5	5
Major plant and equipment	Relationship between asset consumption rating and the level of consumed service potential	-2.50%	2.50%	-5	5

Non-recurring fair value measurements

Land classified as held for sale during the reporting period was measured at the lower of the carrying amount and the greater of the value in use and fair values less cost to sell. The fair value of these assets was also determined using the sales comparison approach.

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(iii) Changes in Fair Value Measurements using significant unobservable inputs (level 3)

The changes in level 3 assets with recurring fair value measurements are detailed in Note 13 Property, Plant and Equipment. There have been no transfers between level 1,2 or 3 measurements during the year.

(iv) Valuation processes

Council engages external, independent and qualified valuers to determine the fair value of the entities land, buildings, infrastructure and major plant on a regular basis. An annual assessment is undertaken to determine whether the carrying amount of the assets is materially different from the fair value. If any variation is considered material a revaluation is undertaken either by comprehensive revaluation or by applying an interim revaluation using appropriate indices.

As at 1 July 2013 a comprehensive revaluation was undertaken for all asset classes subject to revaluation by APV. An interim revaluation using appropriate indices was performed by APV as at 30 June 2015.

The main level 3 inputs used are derived and evaluated as follows:

Buildings

Asset Condition

The Council supplied the asset register of all building assets. APV performed a physical inspection of every building on the asset register so as to confirm the condition of these assets.

Relationship between asset consumption rating scale and the level of consumed service potential

Under the cost approach the estimated cost to replace the asset is calculated and then adjusted to take account of any accumulated depreciation. In order to achieve this the valuer determines an asset consumption rating scale for each asset type based on the interrelationship between a range of factors. These factors and their relationship to the fair value require professional judgment and include asset condition, legal and commercial obsolescence and the determination of key depreciation related assumptions such as residual value, useful life and pattern of consumption of the future economic benefit.

The consumption rating scales were based initially on the past experience of the valuation firm and industry guides and were then updated to take into account the experience and understanding of council's own engineers, asset management and finance staff. The results of the valuation were further evaluated by confirmation against council's own understanding of the assets and the level of remaining service potential.

Road, bridge, drainage and other infrastructure assets

Asset Condition

The nature of road network infrastructure is that there is a very large number of assets which comprise the network and as a result it is not physically possible to inspect every asset for the purposes of completing a valuation. As a consequence reliance is placed on the accuracy of data held in the asset management system and its associated internal controls. This includes regular planned inspections and updates to the system following maintenance activities and renewal treatments. Likewise, especially for drainage network infrastructure, a large portion of the portfolio is located underground and may only be inspected on an irregular basis.

To provide assurance over the accuracy of this information and taking into account the cost benefit of undertaking physical inspections the valuation relies upon a sampling approach (3% - 4% of each asset type) where the data held in the system is verified by a physical inspection. While the sampling approach, combined with internal controls associated with the asset management system, provides a high level of comfort over the condition data held in the asset management system it does not provide a guarantee that all the data is correct and the condition as recorded is valid as at the date of valuation.

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Relationship between asset consumption rating scale and the level of consumed service potential

Under the cost approach the estimated cost to replace the asset is calculated and then adjusted to take account of an accumulated depreciation. In order to achieve this the valuer determines an asset consumption rating scale for each asset type based on the inter-relationship between a range of factors. These factors and their relationship to the fair value require professional judgment and include asset condition, legal and commercial obsolescence and the determination of key depreciation related assumptions such as residual value, useful life and pattern of consumption of the future economic benefit.

The consumption rating scales were based initially on the past experience of the valuation firm and industry guides and were then updated to take into account the experience and understanding of council's own engineers, asset management and finance staff. The results of the valuation were further evaluated by confirmation against council's own understanding of the assets and the level of remaining service potential.

Major plant

Asset Condition

Council supplied the asset register including multiple photos of each of the major assets. APV in this instance did not physically inspect the items however relied upon information from the Fleet Coordinator to confirm the condition of the major assets.

Relationship between asset consumption rating scale and the level of consumed service potential

Relationship between assessment of key depreciation assumptions used to determine level of remaining service potential – Under the cost approach the estimated cost to replace the asset is calculated and then adjusted to take account of an accumulated depreciation. These factors and their relationship to the fair value require professional judgment and include asset condition, legal and commercial obsolescence and the determination of key depreciation related assumptions such as residual value, useful life and pattern of consumption of the future economic benefit.

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	2015	2014
	\$'000	\$'000
15 Trade and other payables		
<i>Current</i>		
Creditors and accruals	3,436	6,431
Salary and wages accruals	773	642
Annual leave	2,821	2,956
	7,030	10,029
16 Borrowings		
<i>Current</i>		
Queensland Treasury Corporation	727	632
<i>Non-current</i>		
Queensland Treasury Corporation	17,163	13,892
	17,890	14,524
Details of movements in borrowings:		
Queensland Treasury Corporation		
Opening balance	14,524	11,069
Loans raised	4,000	4,000
Interest accrued	715	582
Principal and interest repayments	(1,349)	(1,127)
Book value at period end	17,890	14,524

All unsecured borrowings are provided by Queensland Treasury Corporation.

All borrowings are in \$A denominated amounts and carried at amortised cost, interest being expensed as it accrues. No interest has been capitalised during the current or comparative reporting period. Final repayment dates vary from 25 June 2027 to 18 July 2033.

There have been no defaults or breaches of the loan agreement during the period.

The loan market value at the reporting date was \$19,285,470. This represents the value of the debt if the Council repaid it at that date. As it is the intention of the Council to hold the debt for its term, no provision is required to be made in these accounts.

Council has no assets pledged as security.

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	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
17 Provisions		
<i>Current</i>		
Long service leave	5,209	5,109
Refuse sites restoration	64	0
	<u>5,273</u>	<u>5,109</u>
<i>Non-Current</i>		
Refuse sites restoration	614	3,004
Quarry rehabilitation	353	328
Long service leave	647	725
	<u>1,614</u>	<u>4,057</u>

Details of movements in provisions:

(a) Refuse sites restoration		
Opening balance	3,004	2,954
Increase (decrease) in provision - borrowing cost	15	103
Increase (decrease) in estimate of future cost	(2,409)	(53)
Add provision for new cell	304	0
Less amount spent during year	(236)	0
Balance at the end of period	<u>678</u>	<u>3,004</u>

This is the present value of the estimated future cost of restoring the refuse sites at the end of their useful lives.

(b) Quarry rehabilitation		
Opening balance	328	284
Increase (decrease) in provision - borrowing cost	11	11
Increase (decrease) in estimate of future cost	14	33
Balance at the end of period	<u>353</u>	<u>328</u>

This is the present value of the estimated future cost of restoring the quarry sites at the end of their useful lives.

(c) Long service leave		
Opening balance	5,834	5,989
Entitlements accrued	490	262
Entitlements paid	(468)	(417)
Balance at the end of period	<u>5,856</u>	<u>5,834</u>

18 Asset revaluation surplus

Movements in the asset revaluation surplus were as follows:

Revaluations of property, plant and equipment (refer Note 13)	(1,304)	165
Change in value of future rehabilitation costs (refer Note 17)	2,394	20
	<u>1,090</u>	<u>185</u>

The closing balance of the asset revaluation surplus is comprised of the following asset categories:

Land	25,979	25,979
Buildings	28,198	28,198
Road and bridge network	139,150	139,150
Drainage	14,138	14,138
Other infrastructure	3,037	1,947
Major plant and equipment	4,636	4,636
	<u>215,138</u>	<u>214,048</u>

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	2015	2014
	\$'000	\$'000
19 Commitments for expenditure		
Operating leases		
Minimum lease payments in relation to non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:		
Within one year	266	489
Later than 1 year but not later than 5 years	82	313
	<u>348</u>	<u>802</u>
Contractual commitments		
Contractual commitments at balance date but not recognised in the financial statements are as follows:		
Contract for kerbside waste collection	2,603	5,009
Contract for waste haulage services	0	337
Contract for recyclable processing services	332	492
Contract for waste facility operational services	171	161
Contract for cleaning services	725	712
Contract for banking services	202	309
	<u>4,033</u>	<u>7,020</u>
Capital commitments		
Capital contractual commitments at balance date but not recognised in the financial statements are as follows:		
Plant and equipment purchases	516	1,168
Landfill cell construction	0	951
Bridge works	2,690	1,051
Road works	1,205	1,666
Flood damage restoration works	0	5,940
	<u>4,411</u>	<u>10,776</u>
These expenditures are payable within one year		

20 Contingent liabilities

Details and estimates of maximum amounts of contingent liabilities are as follows:

Local Government Workcare

The Scenic Rim Regional Council is a member of the Queensland local government workers compensation self insurance scheme, Local Government Workcare. Under this scheme the Council has provided an indemnity towards a bank guarantee to cover bad debts which may remain should the self insurance licence be cancelled and there was insufficient funds available to cover outstanding liabilities. Only the Queensland Government's workers compensation authority may call on any part of the guarantee should the above circumstances arise. The Council's maximum exposure to the bank guarantee is:

	781	927
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Local Government Mutual

The Scenic Rim Regional Council is a member of the local government mutual liability self-insurance pool, LGM Queensland. In the event of the pool being wound up or it is unable to meet its debts as they fall due, the trust deed and rules provide that any accumulated deficit will be met by the individual pool members in the same proportion as their contribution is to the total pool contributions in respect to any year that a deficit arises. As at 30 June 2014 the financial statements reported an accumulated surplus and it is not anticipated any liability will arise.

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2015
\$'000 **2014**
\$'000

21 Superannuation

The Council contributes to the Local Government Superannuation Scheme (Qld) (the scheme). The scheme is a Multi-employer Plan as defined in the Australian Accounting Standard AASB119 Employee Benefits.

The Queensland Local Government Superannuation Board, the trustee of the scheme, advised that the Local Government Superannuation Scheme was a complying superannuation scheme for the purpose of the Commonwealth Superannuation Industry (Supervision) legislation.

The scheme has three elements referred to as the City Defined Benefits Fund (CDBF) which covers former members of the City Super Defined Benefits Fund, the Regional Defined Benefits Fund (DBF) which covers defined benefit fund members working for regional local governments and the Accumulation Benefits Fund (ABF). The ABF is a defined contribution scheme as defined in AASB119. Council has no liability to or interest in the ABF other than the payment of the statutory contributions as required by the *Local Government Act 2009*.

The Regional DBF is a defined benefit plan as defined in AASB119. The Council is not able to account for the Regional DBF as a defined benefit plan in accordance with AASB119 because the scheme is unable to account to the Council for its proportionate share of the defined benefit obligation, plan assets and costs.

Any amount by which either fund is over or under funded would only affect future benefits and contributions to the Regional DBF, and is not an asset or liability of the Council. Accordingly there is no recognition in the financial statements of any over or under funding of the scheme.

The audited general purpose financial report of the scheme as at 30 June 2014 (the most recent available) which was not subject to any audit qualification, indicates that the assets of the scheme are sufficient to meet the vested benefits.

The most recent actuarial assessment of the scheme was undertaken as at 1 July 2012. The actuary indicated that "the Regional DBF is currently in a satisfactory but modest financial position and remains vulnerable to adverse short and medium term experience."

Following the previous actuarial assessment in 2009, councils were advised by the trustee of the scheme, following advice from the scheme's actuary, that additional contributions may be imposed in the future at a level necessary to protect the entitlements of Regional DBF members. In the 2012 actuarial report the actuary has recommended no change to the employer contribution levels at this time.

Under the *Local Government Act 2009* the trustee of the scheme has the power to levy additional contributions on councils which have employees in the Regional DBF when the actuary advises such additional contributions are payable - normally when the assets of the DBF are insufficient to meet members' benefits.

There are currently 71 entities contributing to the Regional DBF plan and any changes in contribution rates would apply equally to all 71 entities. Scenic Rim Regional Council made less than 4% of the total contributions to the plan for the 2014-15 financial year.

The next actuarial investigation will be made as at 1 July 2015.

The amount of superannuation contributions paid by Scenic Rim Regional Council to the superannuation scheme in this period for the benefit of employees was:

2,939 3,045

The Scenic Rim Regional Council also contributes to the scheme for the benefit of elected members. The amount of contributions paid for this benefit during the reporting period was:

60 58

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	2015	2014
	\$'000	\$'000
22 Trust funds		
Monies collected or held on behalf of other entities yet to be paid out to or on behalf of those entities	2,677	2,473
<p>The Scenic Rim Regional Council performs only a custodial role in respect of these monies. As these funds cannot be used by the Council, they are not brought to account in these financial statements.</p>		
23 Reconciliation of net operating surplus to net cash inflow / (outflow) from operating activities		
Net result	22,776	28,570
Non-cash operating items:		
Depreciation and amortisation	11,533	11,633
Change in restoration provisions expensed to finance costs	26	113
Share of profit from associate	(1,957)	(1,404)
	9,602	10,342
Investing and development activities:		
Capital expenses	11,983	2,267
	11,983	2,267
Financing activities:		
Capital grants, subsidies and contributions	(28,685)	(33,031)
	(28,685)	(33,031)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
(Increase) decrease in receivables	2,456	1,158
(Increase) decrease in inventories	(425)	214
(Increase) decrease in other assets	168	(375)
Increase (decrease) in payables	(1,075)	574
Increase (decrease) in provisions	(214)	(260)
Increase (decrease) in other liabilities	9	2
	919	1,313
Net cash inflow / (outflow) from operating activities	16,595	9,461

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24 Significant events

Natural disasters

A series of natural disaster events were declared for the Scenic Rim Regional Council area between January 2011 and March 2013 which have had a significant impact on Council's finances. These events include:

"Queensland Flooding and Tropical Cyclones Tasha and Anthony (November 2010 – February 2011)" was initially declared for the Scenic Rim Regional Council area on 7 December 2010. Following heavy rainfall and associated flooding, several re-declarations occurred with the final declaration taking place at the end of January 2011.

"South East Queensland Heavy Rainfall and Flooding (23 - 26 January 2012)" was declared for the Scenic Rim Regional Council area on 15 February 2012.

"Cyclone Oswald and Associated Rainfall and Flooding (21-29 January 2013)" was declared for the Scenic Rim Regional Council Area on 29 January 2013.

"Central and Southern Queensland Low (25 February - 5 March 2013)" was declared for the Scenic Rim Regional Council Area on 7 March 2013.

The majority of the costs associated with these natural disaster events are funded under the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA). NDRRA is a joint Commonwealth / State funding program. Under these arrangements Scenic Rim Regional Council is required to contribute to each activated natural disaster event up to a maximum trigger point. There are also restrictions placed on the claiming of costs associated with Council day labour.

Under the NDRRA guidelines works are classified as counter disaster operations, emergent works or restoration works. Counter disaster operations are activities undertaken to provide direct assistance to and in the protection of the general public before and during a disaster event. Emergent works are works that have become necessary during the course of a disaster to protect eligible public assets or to restore essential services and maintain public safety. It also covers immediate post-disaster repairs to eligible assets to enable them to operate at a reasonable level of efficiency and temporary repairs to ensure access and safety. Restoration works relate to the reconstruction or replacement of eligible assets to their pre-disaster standard or level of service.

Below is a summary of the effect of these natural disasters on the finances of Council:

	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<u>Counter disaster operations</u>					
Expenses	0	0	203	0	6
Less expenses not claimable	0	0	(7)	0	0
Grant funding received under NDRRA	0	0	196	0	6
<u>Emergent works</u>					
Expenses	0	0	3,378	1,513	4,417
Less expenses not claimable	0	0	(1,337)	(573)	(513)
Grant funding received under NDRRA	0	0	2,041	940	3,904
<u>Restoration works</u>					
Capital expenditure	21,490	35,539	39,698	3,772	1,561
Grant funding received under NDRRA	27,589	30,420	25,746	13,409	2,196
Grant funding approved under NDRRA not yet received	1,888				
Grant funding not yet approved under NDRRA *	470				

* Works performed in accordance with NDRRA guidelines but claims not approved for payment at signing date

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25 Financial instruments

Financial risk management

Council's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks - interest rate risk, credit risk and liquidity risk.

Exposure to financial risks is managed in accordance with Council approved policies on financial risk management. These policies focus on managing the volatility of financial markets and seek to minimise potential adverse effects on the financial performance of Council.

The Council measures risk exposure using a variety of methods as follows -

Risk exposure	Measurement method
Interest rate risk	Sensitivity analysis
Credit Risk	Ageing analysis, earnings at risk
Liquidity risk	Maturity analysis

(a) Interest rate risk

The Council is exposed to interest rate risk through its investments and borrowings with Queensland Treasury Corporation (QTC) and other financial institutions. The Council has access to a mix of variable and fixed rate funding options through QTC so that interest rate risk exposure can be minimised.

Sensitivity to interest rate movements is shown for variable financial assets and liabilities based on the carrying amount at reporting date.

The following interest rate sensitivity analysis depicts what effect a reasonably possible change in interest rates (assumed to be 1% increase) would have on profit and equity, based on the carrying values at the end of the reporting period. The calculation assumes that the change in interest rates would be held constant over the period.

	Net carrying amount		Profit		Equity	
	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
Cash and cash equivalents	19,219	14,334	192	143	192	143
QTC generic debt pool borrowings*	17,890	14,524	0	0	0	0
Net			192	143	192	143

*QTC Generic Debt Pool - the generic debt pool products approximate a fixed rate loan. There is a negligible impact on interest sensitivity from changes in interest rates for generic debt pool borrowings.

(b) Credit risk

Credit risk exposure refers to the situation where the Council may incur financial loss as a result of another party to a financial instrument failing to discharge their obligation.

In the case of rate receivables, the Council has the power to sell the property to recover any defaulted amounts. In effect this power protects the Council against credit risk in the case of these debts.

In other cases the Council assesses the credit risk before providing goods or services and applies normal business credit protection procedures to minimise the risk. The Council is exposed to credit risk through its investments with the Queensland Treasury Corporation (QTC) and deposits held with banks or other financial institutions. The QTC Cash Fund is an asset management portfolio that invests with a wide variety of high credit rating counterparties. Deposits are capital guaranteed. Other investments are held with highly rated/regulated banks and financial institutions and whilst not capital guaranteed, the likelihood of a credit failure is remote.

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The maximum exposure to credit risk at balance date in relation to each class of recognised financial asset is the gross carrying amount of those assets inclusive of any provisions for impairment.

No collateral is held as security relating to the financial assets held by Council.

The following table represents the Council's maximum exposure to credit risk

Financial assets	2015	2014
	\$'000	\$'000
Cash assets and cash equivalents	19,219	14,334
Trade and other receivables	22,747	28,386
	<u>41,966</u>	<u>42,720</u>

Past due or impaired

No financial assets have had their terms renegotiated so as to prevent them from being past due or impaired, and are stated at the carrying amounts as indicated.

The following table represents an analysis of the age of the Council's financial assets that are either fully performing, past due or impaired:

Financial assets	Fully performing \$'000	< 30 days overdue \$'000	30-60 days overdue \$'000	61-90 days overdue \$'000	> 90 days overdue \$'000	Impaired \$'000	Total \$'000
Cash assets and cash equivalents	19,219	0	0	0	0	0	19,219
Trade and other receivables	22,472	165	10	0	100	0	22,747

(c) Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk refers to the situation where the Council may encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities. The Council is exposed to liquidity risk through its trading in the normal course of business and borrowings from Queensland Treasury Corporation for capital works.

Council manages its exposure to liquidity risk by maintaining sufficient funds, both short and long term, to cater for unexpected volatility in cash flows.

The following table sets out the liquidity risk of financial liabilities held by the Council in a format as it might be provided to management. The amounts disclosed in the maturity analysis represent the contractual undiscounted cash flows at balance date.

Contractual maturity of financial liabilities:

	2015	2014
	\$'000	\$'000
Within one year	4,997	7,774
Later than 1 year but not later than 5 years	6,226	5,028
Later than 5 years	17,730	14,975
	<u>28,953</u>	<u>27,777</u>

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26 Events after the reporting period

There were no material adjusting events after the balance date.

27 National Competition Policy

(a) Activities to which the code of competitive conduct is applied

The Scenic Rim Regional Council applies the code of competitive conduct to the following activities:

- Roads
- Building Certifying
- Waste Collection

This requires the application of full cost pricing, identifying the cost of community service obligations (CSO's) and eliminating the advantages and disadvantages of public ownership within that activity. Council has not identified any CSO's.

(b) Financial performance of activities subject to code of competitive conduct:

	Roads	Building Certifying	Waste Collection
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Revenue for services provided	3,811	435	4,516
Community service obligations	0	0	0
	3,811	435	4,516
Less : Expenditure	3,521	508	3,768
Surplus / (deficit)	290	(73)	748

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Management Certificate
For the year ended 30 June 2015

These general purpose financial statements have been prepared pursuant to sections 176 and 177 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (the Regulation) and other prescribed requirements.

In accordance with section 212(5) of the Regulation we certify that:

- (i) the prescribed requirements of the *Local Government Act 2009* and *Local Government Regulation 2012* for the establishment and keeping of accounts have been complied with in all material respects; and
- (ii) the general purpose financial statements present a true and fair view, in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, of the Council's transactions for the financial year and financial position at the end of the year.



Mayor, John Brent
Scenic Rim Regional Council
Date: 14 October 2015



Chief Executive Officer, Craig Barke
Scenic Rim Regional Council
Date: 14 October 2015

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Mayor of Scenic Rim Regional Council

Report on the Financial Report

I have audited the accompanying financial report of Scenic Rim Regional Council, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2015, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information and certificates given by the Mayor and the Chief Executive Officer.

The Council's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The Council is responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with prescribed accounting requirements identified in the *Local Government Act 2009* and *Local Government Regulation 2012*, including compliance with Australian Accounting Standards. The Council's responsibility also includes such internal control as the Council determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on the audit. The audit was conducted in accordance with the *Auditor-General of Queensland Auditing Standards*, which incorporate the Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require compliance with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and that the audit is planned and performed to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report is free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of risks of material misstatement in the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control, other than in expressing an opinion on compliance with prescribed requirements. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the Council, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

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

Independence

The *Auditor-General Act 2009* promotes the independence of the Auditor-General and all authorised auditors. The Auditor-General is the auditor of all Queensland public sector entities and can be removed only by Parliament.

The Auditor-General may conduct an audit in any way considered appropriate and is not subject to direction by any person about the way in which audit powers are to be exercised. The Auditor-General has for the purposes of conducting an audit, access to all documents and property and can report to Parliament matters which in the Auditor-General's opinion are significant.

Auditor's Opinion

In accordance with s.40 of the *Auditor-General Act 2009* –

- (a) I have received all the information and explanations which I have required; and
- (b) in my opinion -
 - (i) the prescribed requirements in respect of the establishment and keeping of accounts have been complied with in all material respects; and
 - (ii) the financial report presents a true and fair view, in accordance with the prescribed accounting standards, of the financial performance and cash flows of Scenic Rim Regional Council for the financial year 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015 and of the financial position as at the end of that year.

Other Matters – Electronic Presentation of the Audited Financial Report

Those viewing an electronic presentation of these financial statements should note that an audit does not provide assurance over on the integrity of the information presented electronically and does not provide an opinion on any information which may be hyperlinked to or from the financial statements. If users of the financial statements are concerned with the inherent risks arising from electronic presentation of information, they are advised to refer to the printed copy of the audited financial statements to confirm the accuracy of this electronically presented information.



J WELSH FCPA
as delegate of Auditor-General of Queensland



Queensland Audit Office
Brisbane

**Scenic Rim Regional Council
Current Year Financial Sustainability Statement**

For the year ended 30 June 2015

Measures of Financial Sustainability

Council's performance at 30 June 2015 against key financial ratios and targets:

	How the measure is calculated	Target	Actual
Operating surplus ratio	Net result (excluding capital items) divided by total operating revenue (excluding capital items)	Between 0% and 10%	10%
Asset sustainability ratio	Capital expenditure on the replacement of infrastructure assets (renewals) divided by depreciation expense on infrastructure assets	greater than 90%	367%
Net financial liabilities ratio	Total liabilities less current assets divided by total operating revenue (excluding capital items)	not greater than 60%	3%

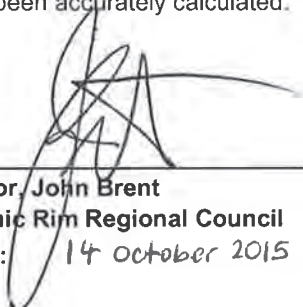
Note 1 - Basis of Preparation

The current year financial sustainability statement is a special purpose statement prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* and the *Financial Management (Sustainability) Guideline 2013*. The amounts used to calculate the three reported measures are prepared on an accrual basis and are drawn from the Council's audited general purpose financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2015.

**Certificate of Accuracy
For the year ended 30 June 2015**

This current year financial sustainability statement has been prepared pursuant to Section 178 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (the regulation).

In accordance with Section 212(5) of the Regulation we certify that this current year financial sustainability statement has been accurately calculated.



Mayor, John Brent
Scenic Rim Regional Council
Date: 14 October 2015



Chief Executive Officer, Craig Barke
Scenic Rim Regional Council
Date: 14 October 2015

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Mayor of Scenic Rim Regional Council

Report on the Current-Year Financial Sustainability Statement

I have audited the accompanying current-year financial sustainability statement, which is a special purpose financial report of Scenic Rim Regional Council for the year ended 30 June 2015, comprising the statement and explanatory notes, and certificates given by the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer.

The Council's Responsibility for the Current-Year Financial Sustainability Statement

The Council is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the current-year financial sustainability statement in accordance with the *Local Government Regulation 2012*. The Council's responsibility also includes such internal control as the Council determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of the statement that is accurately calculated and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on the current-year financial sustainability statement based on the audit. The audit was conducted in accordance with the *Auditor-General of Queensland Auditing Standards*, which incorporate the Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require compliance with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and that the audit is planned and performed to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the statement is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the statement. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the statement, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Council's preparation and fair presentation of the statement in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Council's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the Council, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the statement.

My responsibility is to form an opinion as to whether the statement has been accurately calculated based on the Council's general purpose financial report. My responsibility does not extend to forming an opinion on the appropriateness or relevance of the reported ratios, nor on the Council's future sustainability.

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

Independence

The *Auditor-General Act 2009* promotes the independence of the Auditor-General and all authorised auditors. The Auditor-General is the auditor of all Queensland public sector entities and can be removed only by Parliament.

The Auditor-General may conduct an audit in any way considered appropriate and is not subject to direction by any person about the way in which audit powers are to be exercised. The Auditor-General has for the purposes of conducting an audit, access to all documents and property and can report to Parliament matters which in the Auditor-General's opinion are significant.

Opinion

In accordance with s.212 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, in my opinion, in all material respects, the current-year financial sustainability statement of Scenic Rim Regional Council, for the year ended 30 June 2015, has been accurately calculated.

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

Without modifying my opinion, attention is drawn to Note 1 which describes the basis of accounting. The current-year financial sustainability statement has been prepared in accordance with the *Financial Management (Sustainability) Guideline 2013* for the purpose of fulfilling the Council's reporting responsibilities under the *Local Government Regulation 2012*. As a result, the statement may not be suitable for another purpose.

Other Matters - Electronic Presentation of the Audited Statement

Those viewing an electronic presentation of this special purpose financial report should note that audit does not provide assurance on the integrity of the information presented electronically and does not provide an opinion on any information which may be hyperlinked to or from the financial statements. If users of the financial statements are concerned with the inherent risks arising from electronic presentation of information, they are advised to refer to the printed copy of the audited financial statements to confirm the accuracy of this electronically presented information.


J WELSH FCPA
as Delegate of the Auditor-General of Queensland



Queensland Audit Office
Brisbane

Scenic Rim Regional Council
Long Term Financial Sustainability Statement
 Prepared as at 30 June 2015

Measures of Financial Sustainability

	How the measure is calculated	Target	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Operating surplus ratio	Net result (excluding capital items) divided by total operating revenue (excluding capital items)	Between 0% and 10%	10%	5%	6%	7%	8%	9%	9%	10%	10%	10%
Asset sustainability ratio	Capital expenditure on the replacement of infrastructure assets (renewals) divided by depreciation expense on infrastructure assets	greater than 90%	367%	130%	128%	117%	114%	116%	117%	120%	125%	121%
Net financial liabilities ratio	Total liabilities less current assets divided by total operating revenue (excluding capital items)	not greater than 60%	3%	23%	27%	25%	22%	22%	18%	13%	8%	3%

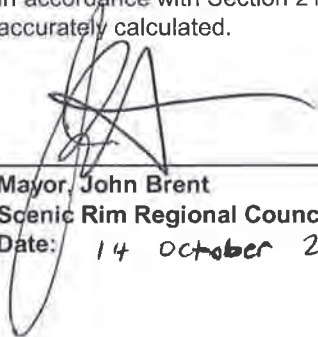
Scenic Rim Regional Council's Financial Management Strategy

Council measures revenue and expenditure trends over time as a guide to future requirements and to make decisions about the efficient allocation of resources to ensure the most effective provision of services. Council ensures that its financial management strategy is prudent and that its long term financial forecast shows a sound financial position whilst also being able to meet the community's current and future needs.

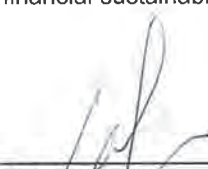
Certificate of Accuracy
For the year ended 30 June 2015

This long-term financial sustainability statement has been prepared pursuant to Section 178 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (the Regulation).

In accordance with Section 212(5) of the Regulation we certify that this long-term financial sustainability statement has been accurately calculated.



Mayor, John Brent
 Scenic Rim Regional Council
 Date: 14 October 2015



Chief Executive Officer, Craig Barke
 Scenic Rim Regional Council
 Date: 14 October 2015

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