

WOLLONGONG 2022

QUARTERLY REVIEW STATEMENT

March 2015

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MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

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This draft Quarterly Review Statement reports on progress towards achieving the five Councillor Strategic Programs from the Delivery Program 2012-17 and the Annual Deliverables from the Annual Plan 2014-15 for the period January to March 2015. Highlights and significant progress of key projects from the Annual Plan 2014-15 are reported by the six Community Goals from the Wollongong 2022 Community Strategic Plan.

Highlights from this quarter include:

- 1 Completion of Holborn Skate Park.
- 2 Delivery of the National Paint the Town REaD Conference.
- 3 Introduction of live music streaming service for library customers.
- 4 Completion of the reconstruction of the shared path in Squires Way.
- 5 Delivery of the 'Golden Oldies Screen Dreams in Pictures' creative ageing project.

The organisational performance is also reported via performance indicators which monitor the status and progress of our Council programs, activities, projects, finances, people and process.

This report also includes an overview of how Council is tracking against its budgets and expenditure. It is a concise visual summary of Council's financial situation for the quarter including budget, capital budget and expenditure. Full budget details are included in the Budget Review Statement.

I would like to thank all staff and the community for their contributions to the achievements identified in this draft Quarterly Review and Budget Review Statement.

David Farmer
General Manager

STRATEGIC PROGRAMS PROGRESS REPORT

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Our Councillors have made a commitment to support our organisation and the community in making Wollongong a better place to live, work, visit and play. To focus Council's attention to achieve this, Councillors have agreed to five Strategic Programs. These are outlined in the Delivery Program 2012-17. Progress made in the March 2015 quarter is outlined below:

1 Financial Sustainability

Our Council is committed to improving the standards of community assets over the five-year Council term. This will be achieved by directing 85% of all capital investment into asset renewal, and a strong emphasis of cost effectiveness in service provision.

Project Sponsor: General Manager
Project Manager: Executive Strategy Manager

Strategic Program Progress



On Track

Moderate risk in achieving the Strategic Program and/or impact on delivery timeframe

Significant risk in achieving the Strategic Program

Program Achievements

Council at its meeting 23 June 2014 adopted a revised budget and annual plan that included a special rate variation, efficiency target, minor service adjustments and a planned increase in fees and charges. This three year strategy commenced in July and increased income is reflected in the expansion of the capital works program to address asset renewal across the city.

Annual efficiency targets have been built into the budget. Across Council's service portfolio work is under way to identify improvement opportunities. At the end of the quarter 83% of the 2014-15 planned efficiency target improvements have been identified. In line with the strategic intent, the efficiency targets are not intended to impact on service delivery. Details can be found in the Budget Review Statement in this report.

Program Risks

With the approval of a special rate variation by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) in June, and the adoption of a multi-faceted strategy, the risk rating for the Financial Sustainability Program has decreased. The focus is now to ensure ongoing business improvements resulting in efficiencies and the delivery of a significant capital works program.

2 West Dapto Urban Release

Council will work in collaboration with key agencies to provide the infrastructure needed to support growth within the West Dapto Urban Release Area. This will include improving access, infrastructure and local services which are needed to support the additional 17,000 future housing lots within the release area

Project Sponsor: Director Planning + Environment | *Future City and Neighbourhoods*
Project Manager: Manager Project Delivery

Strategic Program Progress



On Track

Moderate risk in achieving the Strategic Program and/or impact on delivery timeframe

Significant risk in achieving the Strategic Program

Program Achievements

The following progress on the Access Strategy for the West Dapto Urban Release Area has occurred:

- Shone Avenue Stage 1 Bridge replacement and road works - Complete.
- Shone Avenue Stage 2 Bridge replacement and road works - Road reopened to traffic pending completion of works.
- Cleveland Road Bridge over Mullet Creek and associated road works - Complete.
- Intersection improvements Princes Highway and West Dapto Road, Kembla Grange - Complete.
- Road improvements West Dapto Road and Wongawilli - Design commenced.

Program Risks

West Dapto Access – Fowlers Road to Fairwater Drive - Funding of \$22.5 M has been allocated by the NSW State Government under the Restart NSW Illawarra Infrastructure Fund towards the project.

A review of the West Dapto Urban Release risk profile will be undertaken in the fourth quarter.

3 Waste Management

During Council's term we will work to reduce the environmental impact of waste by improving waste management across the city. We will finalise and deploy Council's Waste Strategy, assess the impacts of the carbon tax, and work toward the development of a new landfill cell at Whyte's Gully to increase landfill capacity for the region.

Project Sponsor: Director Infrastructure + Works | *Connectivity Assets + Liveable City*
Project Manager: Manager City Works and Services

Strategic Program Progress



On Track

Moderate risk in achieving the Strategic Program and/or impact on delivery timeframe

Significant risk in achieving the Strategic Program

Program Achievements

The following progress has been made in waste management:

Helensburgh Waste Landfill Rehabilitation Project

- Detailed design has been completed.
- Development modification to incorporate a landfill gas flaring unit has been approved.
- Tender documentation is currently being prepared.

Whytes Gully New Landfill Cell

- Stage 1A waste filling commenced in March 2015.
- Stage 1B construction works physically completed, EPA is to review the Quality Assurance and test plans for Stage 1B in view of providing operational approval.
- Landfill gas infrastructure has beneficially treated landfill gas throughout the quarter.

Program Risks

There are a number of risks associated with Helensburgh Waste Landfill Rehabilitation Project and the Whytes Gully New Landfill Cell; the major risks are:

- New landfill cell does not function as designed.
- Excessive delay to obtain operational approval from EPA for Whytes Gully new landfill cell Stage 1B, thereby impacting on Council's continued ability to landfill Wollongong's waste materials.
- Future landfill cells not being constructed in time for Council to continue with the uninterrupted disposal of Wollongong's waste materials at Whytes Gully.
- The landfill liner at Whytes Gully installed incorrectly.
- Capital cost of either or both projects exceeding initial expectations.

- The supply of fill material required for the Helensburgh Rehabilitation project is relatively large, with the potential to cause delays and disruption to the local community if not managed correctly.

The Helensburgh site has been non-operational for an extended period of time. Returning to the site for rehabilitation construction may adversely affect the local residents relative to the quiet conditions that they have been experiencing since the sites closure as a landfill

4 City Centre Revitalisation

Council's fourth aspiration in the Delivery Program, is to improve the attractiveness of the Wollongong City Centre to work and visit, reinforcing its role as the region's major hub for investment and jobs growth.

Project Sponsor: Director Corporate + Community Services | *Creative, Engaged and Innovative City*

Project Manager: Manager Project Delivery

Strategic Program Progress



On Track

Moderate risk in achieving the Strategic Program and/or impact on delivery timeframe

Significant risk in achieving the Strategic Program

Program Achievements

The Crown Street Mall and Keira Street precinct are both complete and functioning to support programmes and activities supporting the city centre revitalisation.

Highlights during the quarter include:

- Market Street West - Keira Lane to Young Street (north side), construction documentation for streetscape improvements is being completed and public consultation is underway.
- Crown Street West - A Precinct Plan is currently being developed for streetscape improvements to Crown Street from Keira Street to Gladstone Avenue.
- Concurrently, Stage One construction documentation for improvements to the Crown Street streetscape between Atchison Street and Jubilee Street is underway.
- Burelli Street - Auburn/Station Streets the construction of intersection improvements and Traffic Signal installation is underway.
- Kenny Street intersection improvements and Traffic Signal installation works will commence in May.
- Clear paths of travel implemented along Crown Street between the Railway Station and Foreshore.
- Thursday Night Eat Street commenced in Upper Crown Street Mall in late January.
- Public Spaces, Public Life Study work continues to progress. Early analysis shared with the community from early November 2014. On Councillor Request, additional pedestrian counts have been undertaken in February 2015 to provide a snapshot of how pedestrians are using the city following the completion of the Mall and the opening of GPT. This data is being analysed and will inform the draft city vision and key strategies which are targeted for internal discussion in May 2015 and for community consultation June/July 2015.
- Work commenced on the corner of Burelli and Kenny Streets traffic lights and footpath improvement project.
- Facade works have progressed under Council's Facade Rejuvenation Program. Deeds of Agreement have been exchanged on all Round 2 projects, and one Round 2 project is already complete. Round 1 projects have also continued to progress with 14 building façades now complete and a further five currently under way. Many of these are located in the heritage area of Western Crown Street.

- In addition we have already seen 1 building façade completed, and the applicant has been successfully reimbursed under the program. An extension has been provided to two applicants under Round 1 until the end of April to complete their façade works.

Program Risks

- Wet weather continues to be a risk impacting on the delivery program.

5 Connectivity/Walkability

Council's fifth aspiration is to improve the connectivity of the Local Government Area (LGA) through the upgrade of our network of footpaths and cycleways. This focus on our path and cycle network will ensure that necessary works are carried out to achieve an accessible and connected city.

Project Sponsor: Director Infrastructure + Works | *Connectivity Assets + Liveable City*
 Project Manager: Manager Infrastructure Strategy and Planning

Strategic Program Progress



On Track

Moderate risk in achieving the Strategic Program and/or impact on delivery timeframe

Significant risk in achieving the Strategic Program

Program Achievements

At the end of March 2015, Council had spent \$5.95 M of the \$11.94 M allocated to capital programs supporting connectivity.

Development of strategies supporting this program continuing include:

- Wollongong City Bike Plan – The final plan was adopted by Council in June 2014.
- Grand Pacific Walk Master Plan – The Masterplan for the entire project was adopted by Council in July 2014.

Construction works completed or commenced in the March quarter include:

- Completed Footpath - Jacaranda Avenue Figtree, 84 to Bus Stop, new footpath
- Completed Footpath - Berkeley Road Gwynneville, footpath east side; Gipps Road to Acacia Avenue
- Completed Footpath - Mt Keira Road Mt Keira, footpath north side; from No. 104 - 108
- Completed Footpath - Kialoa Road Woonona, footpath ; connection to Memorial Drive
- Completed Footpath - Princes Highway Fairy Meadow, footpath - From Norman Street to Woolworths
- Completed Cycle/Share Path - Wollongong Harbour Heritage Walk Stage 2A
- Completed Cycle/Share Path - Southern Cycleway, Springhill - Springhill Road at JJ Matthews bridge
- Completed Cycle/Share Path - Figtree Cycleway, Figtree; Koloona to Whelan Avenues
- Commenced Footpath - O'Briens Road Figtree, footpath; Jacaranda to Foy Avenues - northern side
- Commenced Footpath - Lakelands Drive Koonawarra, footpath; Fowlers Road to Parkside Drive
- Commenced Footpath - Dumfries Avenue Mt Ousley, footpath; McMahan Street to Foothills Road
- Commenced Footpath - Sea Foam Avenue Thirroul, footpath: Church to Coast Streets
- Commenced Footpath - Dumfries Avenue Mt Ousley, footpath nth side: Strone to McMahan Avenues
- Commenced Footpath - Koonawarra footpaths replacement program
- Commenced Footpath - Burelli Street Wollongong; Auburn Street intersection footpath
- Commenced Cycle/Share Path - Princes Highway Bulli; Point Street to Black Diamond Place

- Commenced Cycle/Share Path - Cordeaux Road Shared Path
- Commenced Cycle/Share Path - Princes Highway Old Church to Gibsons Road, cycleway

Design works under way for the ongoing delivery of the program include:

- Mt Keira Road Mt Keira, footpath, Yellagong to Yates Streets
- Mt Keira Rd Mt Keira, Footpath, Yates Street to school
- Huxley Drive Horsley, footpath west side: Horsley Drive to Karra Park
- Guest Park Keiraville, new footpath
- Rothery Street Corrimal, footpath south side; Princes Highway-Wilga Street
- Unanderra Central Business District Upgrade.

Design works completed for the ongoing delivery of the program include:

- Corrimal Street, Wollongong Shared Path
- Railway Road Thirroul, footpath east side: King Street - Redman Avenue.
- Roxburgh Road Thirroul, footpath north side; No. 3 to Phillip Street
- Princes Highway Fairy Meadow, footpath - Guest Road to Anama Street (west side).

Program Risks

There are a number of sites on the network expansion program with significant geographical, technical, agency approval and community concerns that may impact on the design phase and hence construction time frames. To minimise the impact from this risk, designs for projects further down the delivery program are also being progressed such that construction programs can be re-phased to ensure continued delivery of the improvement program.

ANNUAL PLAN 2014-15

PROGRESS SUMMARY

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The following section provides an overview of Council's progress with delivering Wollongong 2022. It provides a summary of progress for 2014-15 annual deliverables [Council's programs, projects and activities] and highlights significant progress with annual projects as outlined in the Wollongong 2022 community goals. This exception based reporting provides an overview of achievements for the March 2015 quarter. The organisations performance is also reported by the key performance indicators, budget summary information and Budget Review Statement.

The Annual Plan 2014-15 contains 334 annual deliverables across the 6 community goals. Table 1 below outlines how Council is tracking in the March quarter to achieve the annual deliverables for each community goal.

Table 1:
Annual Deliverable Progress by Community Goal

Goal	On track	Not Scheduled to Commence	Delayed	Deferred	Ongoing / Complete
1 We value and protect our natural environment	31%	0%	3%	0%	66%
2 We have an innovative and sustainable economy	28%	0%	5%	0%	67%
3 Wollongong is a creative, vibrant city	19%	0%	3%	0%	78%
4 We are a connected and engaged community	39%	1%	3%	0%	57%
5 We are a healthy community in a liveable city	29%	0%	5%	1%	64%
6 We have sustainable, affordable and accessible transport	79%	0%	8%	0%	13%
Total Annual Deliverable Progress	34%	0%	4%	0%	62%

* Note: Each goal does not have equal number of Annual Deliverables; therefore the Annual Deliverable progress totals do not necessarily add together.

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Overall 4% of annual deliverables were reported to be delayed, while 0% was deferred. Table 2 below outlines all annual deliverables that were reported as delayed or deferred at the end of March 2015.

Community Goal	Annual Deliverable	Delayed	Deferred	Comment
1 We value and protect our natural environment	Continue to pursue biodiversity certification of the West Dapto Urban Release Area including offsetting provisions	Y		During the quarter, Council has continued to work with the Office of Environment and Heritage and NSW Planning and Environment to build a business case for the proposed levy to support implementation of Biocertification. The business case focuses on a cost benefit analysis comparing an accurate estimate of the costs for Biocertification against alternate offsetting measures. The overall outcome being to maintain or improve biodiversity outcomes for the West Dapto Urban Release Area.
	Determine a future use for the Bulli Miners Cottage which conserves the heritage values of the building.	Y		Building upgrade works are required prior to a Request for Proposals for the future use of the Bulli Miners Cottage. The designs for the proposed initial stabilisation works are being finalised.
2 We have an innovative and sustainable economy	Establish and deliver an integrated management plan for the City Centre	Y		Integration project delayed following resignation of Infrastructure Strategy Manager. Long-term civil works still progressed including Crown Street West revitalisation and implementation City Centre Access and Movement Strategy - eg Burelli Street signals.
	Resolve options for key services including power and water supply to the Mt Keira summit	Y		Mt Keira Power Supply - National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) has provided feedback to Council and requires additional information in various areas. Council will be working with NPWS to resolve outstanding issues. Mt Keira Water Supply - options are being considered to determine the best value approach in the provision of water at the Mt Keira Summit Park.

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Community Goal	Annual Deliverable	Delayed	Deferred	Comment
	Continue to implement the Infrastructure delivery program to support the West Dapto Urban Release Area	Y		The Shone Avenue upgrade roadworks are continuing but a major milestone has been achieved in reopening the road to traffic. Remaining works will continue to be completed under traffic control. In relation to the proposed upgrade works to Wongawilli Rd and part of West Dapto Rd, design, property acquisition negotiations, service authority approvals and other relevant investigations are progressing.
3 Wollongong is a creative, vibrant city	Develop a Crown Street Mall Street Activity Policy to encourage and provide guidelines for increased activation of the Crown Street Mall	Y		This is being developed in conjunction with the findings of the Public Space, Public Life Study.
4 We are a connected and engaged community	Investigate opportunities to enhance library multi-media and online presence via the National Broadband Network (NBN)	Y		A range of Library programs e.g. guest author presentations are made available to customers through the Library's website.
	Investigate opportunities for welcome to suburb signs	Y		New entry signage for Corrimal designed and currently being fabricated in accordance with Style Guide with installation due in May 2015.
5 We are a healthy community in a liveable city	Continue to prepare the Housing Study Review incorporating affordable housing issues		Y	The Housing Study Review project continues to be on hold due to the need for resources to progress other higher priority planning projects and planning proposals.
	Review Council's Asset Management Plans: Buildings, Recreation, Stormwater, Plant and Vehicles, Transport	Y		Asset Management Plan Review project being scoped for 2 year duration.

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Community Goal	Annual Deliverable	Delayed	Deferred	Comment
	Manage the Home Deposit Assistance Program	Y		<p>There have been eleven applications under the program since the launch on October 24 with ten of these successful. Property purchases have not yet occurred to trigger the placement of security deposits by Council. The housing market is changing rapidly and moderately priced housing stock in the urban release area is limited due to market forces and changes. West Dapto is in the early stages and as new land releases become available it is anticipated that enterprise will offer different housing stock which will attract people who might participate in the program.</p> <p>Council is also continuing to promote the program and its value to the housing industry and has held meetings with developers and builders to seek feedback on potential blockages.</p>
	Undertake a minor review of the Beaton Park and Botanic Garden Plans of Management.	Y		<p>The Call for Proposals process for the future use of Gleniffer Brae is underway. This process will inform the Botanic Garden Plan of Management review. A new master plan for Beaton Park is to be developed which will inform the revision of the Beaton Park Plan of Management.</p>
	Finalise land title requirements for the transfer of land occupied by Russell Vale Golf Course	Y		<p>Current status remains unchanged as feedback from Illawarra Coal to reopen negotiations is yet to be received. Golf Course operations continue as programmed.</p>
	Continue to construct Stage 1 of the Grand Pacific Walk	Y		<p>Council is continuing to prepare the detailed designs for the next stage of the Grand Pacific Walk between Coalcliff and Stanwell Park.</p> <p>Work will commence in the last quarter of 2014-15 on some missing sections of the path adjacent to the Coalcliff Railway Station and the Tom and Norma Rest Area.</p>

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Community Goal	Annual Deliverable	Delayed	Deferred	Comment
6 We have sustainable, affordable and accessible transport	Continue to construct Stage 1 of the Grand Pacific Walk	Y		<p>Council is continuing to prepare the detailed designs for the next stage of the Grand Pacific Walk between Coalcliff and Stanwell Park.</p> <p>Work will commence in the last quarter of 2014-15 on some missing sections of the path adjacent to the Coalcliff Railway Station and the Tom and Norma Rest Area.</p>
	Conduct site investigations, prepare concept and detailed design documentation for the road link between Fowlers Road Dapto to Fairwater Drive Horsley	Y		Development of concept design continuing. A number of investigations which are associated with this development are also in progress.

GOAL 1:

WE VALUE AND PROTECT OUR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

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Continue to pursue biodiversity certification of the West Dapto Urban Release Area including offsetting provisions

During the quarter, Council has continued to work with the Office of Environment and Heritage and NSW Planning and Environment to build a business case for the proposed levy to support implementation of Biocertification. The business case focuses on a cost benefit analysis comparing an accurate estimate of the costs for Biocertification against alternate offsetting measures. The overall outcome being to maintain or improve biodiversity outcomes for the West Dapto Urban Release Area.

Implement Council's Floodplain Risk Management Plans.

Implementation of the Floodplain Risk Management Plans continues through the capital works and maintenance programs. The preparation of various Flood Studies/Floodplain Risk Management Plans is ongoing, and designs for flood mitigation/stormwater either in progress or completed. Two flood affected properties have been demolished and a further one acquired under the Voluntary Purchase Scheme.

The Swan Street Culvert upgrade was completed in mid-December along with finalisation of the swale in Charles Harper Park Helensburgh. Drainage culvert works at Coledale were completed in late December. The realignment of pipe outlet structures in several of Council's detention basins was recently completed.

Continue implementation of priority actions from the Dune Management Strategy.

During the quarter progress continued on priority actions:

- A draft Detailed Design Report was prepared for the Towradgi Dunes reshaping project. Council endorsed the proposed reshaping works as shown in the Draft Detailed Design Report.
- A consultant was engaged to prepare the Whartons Creek (Bulli Beach) entrance management plan. Monthly beach surveys continued to be undertaken to inform the plan.
- A lifeguard tower was constructed at Wollongong City Beach.
- Dune vegetation work plans for the next 18 months were prepared for Bulli, Woonona, Corrimal, Towradgi, Fairy Meadow and Wollongong City beaches. These will guide on ground works such as weed control and installation of appropriate plants. A vegetation survey was undertaken at Bellambi Beach to inform a plan for this site.
- The Beach and Dune monitoring program continued, with transects surveyed and photo monitoring conducted.
- Maintenance was undertaken at Port Kembla Beach access path.
- Federal Government Green Army participants continued working at priority beaches to remove litter, weeds and install appropriate species from Council's adopted planting list.

Continue to deploy Council's Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy

The Wollongong Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy 2022 was endorsed by Council on 28 July 2014. The Strategy represents a pathway for Council and the community to work towards sustainable waste management. Actions contained within the Strategy are now being implemented. The current actions in progress include:

- New community recycling centre development.
- New leachate management system at Whytes Gully.
- Environmental rehabilitation of Helensburgh landfill.
- New and ongoing arrangement for landfill gas extraction at Whytes Gully.
- Finalisation of the new landfill cell at Whytes Gully.

Council has also successfully secured grant funding that has employed a Waste Projects Coordinator to help implement strategic action priorities out of the Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy.



Image: A helicopter used as part of the finalisation of the new landfill cell at Whytes Gully

GOAL 1: WE VALUE AND PROTECT OUR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

In accordance with the adopted Food Strategy, facilitate networks which support and promote the redistribution of donated food, to improve access to healthy food for those who are most vulnerable, and prevent good food from going to waste.

Following last quarter's Stop Good Food Going to Waste afternoon tea, a Regional Food Recovery Network has been established to progress areas for collaboration in diverting surplus food to people in need. The Network has met twice in this quarter, and has secured funding from Southern Councils Group to undertake feasibility and scoping studies to inform future food rescue and recovery priorities.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

- Participation rate in environmental programs: 18,234 (Q2 = 5,166)
- Number of volunteers for Environmental Programs - Greenhouse Park: 624 (Q2 = 600)
- Plants Propogated: 11,698 (Q2 = 6,576)
- Plants Distributed: 11,099 (Q2 = 17,231)
- Tonnes of Rubbish collected from clean up activities: 25 (Q2 = 13)
- Number of volunteers worked at Bushcare and FIReady sites: 462 (Q2 = 407)

GOAL 2: WE HAVE AN INNOVATIVE AND SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY

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Promote Wollongong City Council as an employer of choice for women in Local Government

A number of strategies and projects are under way and in development to continue to support and promote Wollongong City Council as an employer of choice for women. This includes targeted recruitment and retention strategies, a review of our employment equity and diversity policy, along with other program based concepts.

Council is also working with the Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA) to deliver the State conference in April 2015.

Continue the review of the City Centre Revitalisation Plan

During the quarter progress continued on the review of the City Centre Revitalisation Plan including:

- Clear paths of travel implemented along Crown Street between the Railway Station and Foreshore.
- Thursday Night Eat Street commenced in Upper Crown Street Mall in late January.



Image: Thursday night Eat Street in Upper Crown Street Mall, a part of the City Centre Revitalisation.

- Public Spaces, Public Life Study work continues to progress. Early analysis shared with the community from early November 2014. On Councillor request, additional pedestrian counts have been undertaken in February 2015 to provide a snapshot of how pedestrians are using the city following the completion of the Mall and the opening of GPT. This data is being analysed and will inform the draft city vision and key strategies which are targeted for internal discussion in May 2015 and community consultation June/ July 2015.
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Deliver the Economic Development Strategy

In collaboration with the Economic Development Advisory Board, key activities from the Economic Development Strategy were implemented during the quarter. Highlights include:

- NEC Australia signs a lease at the University of Wollongong Innovation Campus to establish its new \$25M IT Service Centre after 12 months of discussions creating over 100 new jobs.
- Launch of the 2015 Economic Gardening program and associated latest intake of local businesses
- Minister for the Illawarra presented our submission advocating for the relocation of government jobs to Wollongong to State Cabinet.
- A submission was made to the Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing regarding the new Environment and Venal Assessment Tool (EVAT) for the assessment of liquor licenses.
- Advantage Wollongong attended for the first time the National Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Summit promoting the region to CFO's of some of Australia's top Australian Securities Exchange (ASX) listed companies.
- Partnered in a business event celebrating Chinese New Year celebrating local businesses now doing trade in China as well as hosting a delegation from Longyan.
- Facilitated/assisted over 30 business and investment enquiries

Research and assess the applicability of emerging technologies for library service provision

Council Library Services introduced live music streaming service for customers this quarter. The Library is reviewing loans and downloads for each eResource service to ensure the services are meeting customer demand. The Library is working closely with libraries in the South East Zone on partnerships for eResources that will enable a higher level of content to be available to customers. "ComicsPlus" - an eComics collection - will be promoted during Comic Gong 2015.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

- Occupancy rates of licensed car parks: 100 % (Q2 = 100 %)
- Number of visitations to the tourism information centres: 19,340 (Q2 = 14,816)
- Tourist park onsite average annual occupancy: 100 % (Q2 = 99 %)
- Tourist Park occupancy rate of cabins: 51 % (Q2 = 53 %)
- Occupancy rates of paid on street parking: 72 % (Q2 = 74 %)
- Tourist parks occupancy rate of unpowered sites: 37 % (Q2 = 34 %)
- Tourist parks occupancy rate of powered sites: 52 % (Q2 = 39 %)

GOAL 3:

WOLLONGONG IS A CREATIVE, VIBRANT CITY

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Deliver the IPAC/Merrigong Theatre Production Program via the IPAC funding agreement

During this quarter the Merrigong 2015 Season opened with the international circus show, SOAP, followed by the production of the musical Sweet Charity by the Hayes Theatre Co, Luckiest Productions, Neil Gooding Productions and Tinderbox Productions. IPAC was the only regional venue on the national tour of this award-winning musical. This quarter also featured the urban circus, 360 ALLSTARS, as well as the one-man true story, Bravo Figaro! by UK comedian, activist and writer, Mark Thomas.

As a venue for hire, IPAC welcomed community productions such as So Popera's Little Shop of Horrors, the Drama Studio's play Edelweiss Pirates and the comedy The Fence by the Australian Macedonian Theatre of Sydney. IPAC also hosted Trilogy of Rock by the popular Australian entertainer Jon English.

Deliver Living Books Program to the community and local schools

During the quarter two events were held at the Community Health for Adolescents In Need (CHAIN) Youth Health Centre. 10 young women from the Young Mothers Group participated in the readings of 2 living books. Feedback from the youth worker included, " I have never seen our young people engage so well before" and from participants, " it gives me courage in my relationship" and "(I learned) to not let the past define you". Six young men from the Young Men's Group participated in the reading of 1 living book. Feedback included "(I learned) to never back down for your rights" and" never give up". A presentation on the Living Books Program was also given to the Regional Counsellors Meeting with 25 school counsellors present.

Deliver the Men's Spaces and Places Action Plan

Facilitated the development of a partnership between Council and the Coniston Men's Shed to build pallet boxes from recycled packing pallets. These boxes will be used to collect lemons in, to support the "When Life Gives you Lemons" project. The project is a cross divisional project and will explore the redistribution and use of excess backyard lemons.

Updated the Men Shed's contact list and referred several funding opportunities onto Men Shed coordinators.

Collaborate with Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) community to support community events and celebrations

During the quarter support and resources were provided for the Illawarra Standing Together event to demonstrate solidarity and cohesion against racism in the Illawarra. Participation in this event came from a wide range of local community organisations, groups, leaders and citizens with approximately 400 people attending the event.



Image: The community were invited to tie a ribbon as a sign of 'unity and peace' during the Illawarra Stands Together event

Deliver a program of events to be held in 2015 - 16, in commemoration of 200 years of European settlement in Wollongong

Illawarra 200 announced the opening of expressions of interest on Thursday 19 February, with event organisers having the opportunity to apply to co brand their event with Illawarra 200 and be a part of the official calendar of events. Media announcement received broad coverage from local media outlets.

The announcement was also included in Council's social media activity.

Applications for Illawarra 200 Expressions of interest closed on 31 March 2015. There have been 9 applications received.

In addition to these events Wollongong City Council and Shellharbour Council are working with local Aboriginal communities to deliver suitable activity commemorating Illawarra 200 during Reconciliation week.

Implement strategies of Community Safety Plan

A funding application was submitted to NSW Department of Justice for Crime Prevention for Berkeley Safer Spaces Project. Draft Perceptions of Safety Report completed. "Effects of gambling" seminar organised, for the Illawarra Committee Against Domestic Violence (ICADV). Community Drug Action Team (CDAT) planning day held. Attended the NSW Police Wollongong Area Command and Lake Illawarra Command community safety precinct meetings.

Community safety assessments completed on 36 Development Applications (21 Liquor licences).

Graffiti rapid removal program continues on the Bellambi surf club. Council received a total of 1043 graffiti reports during this quarter, 625 (60%) were on Council assets and 418 (40%) were on private residential or businesses premises.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

- Library visitations: 354,280 (Q2 = 233,909)
- Library – total number of loans: 232,074 (Q2 = 313,705)
- Library programs: number of programs: 422 (Q2 = 395)
- Library programs: number of participants: 6,206 (Q2 = 5,610)
- Attendance at Australia Day event: 24,000
- Attendance at Sunset Cinema season: 13,000

GOAL 4: WE ARE A CONNECTED AND ENGAGED COMMUNITY

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Deliver the Bushcare Program

Bushcare is a Council program that aims to encourage and support community participation in the conservation and restoration of natural areas on community land. The work carried out by Council, contracted bush regenerators and volunteers are making a significant contribution to the conservation and restoration of our valuable natural areas. During the quarter a total of 63 sites were under management engaging 445 volunteers who contributed a total of 3,736 hours of volunteer labour.

Ensure delivery of the following: Australia Day Awards, Citizenship Ceremonies, Annual Recognition Reception; Illawarra Academy of Sport (IAS) reception and provide support for the City Centre Business Awards

New Year's Eve had crowds of approximately 20,000 across the course of the evening. The Australia Day Dinner was attended by approximately 150 community members. Australia Day celebrations went off successfully with a range of community organised events taking place as part of the main program. Unfortunately overall attendance was impacted by rain with estimated crowds across the day of approximately 25,000.



Image: Crowds at Australia Day celebrations at Belmore Basin, Wollongong

Facilitate and participate in relevant networks and interagencies

During the quarter the following networks were supported:

- Illawarra Refugee Issues Forum
- Sisters Cancer Support Project Advisory Group
- Wollongong Collective Impact network, Wollongong Home and Community Care (HACC) Forum
- Community, Community Care Collective
- Illawarra Interagency
- Child Protection Week Committee meeting
- Families NSW and the Wollongong Parenting Interagency meeting
- Southern Suburbs Task Force,
- Illawarra Community Based Working Group
- Regional Partnership Agreement/Local Decision Making Meetings
- Community Drug Action Team
- Illawarra Committee Against Domestic Violence

Council partnered with the Paint the Town REaD Ltd to deliver the National Paint the Town REaD conference held in Wollongong with 205 registered delegates. Over 100 organisations representing the children and family service sector, education sector and library services attended from all states across the country.



Image: The Mayors and several mascots at the National Paint the town REaD conference held in Wollongong

GOAL 4: WE ARE A CONNECTED AND ENGAGED COMMUNITY

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

- Sick Leave: 6.54 Days (Q2 = 6.75)
- Number of Twitter followers for Council: 3,042 (Q2 = 2,792)
- Carers Leave: 0.66 Days (Q2 = 0.65)
- Lost Time Injury Frequency Rate: 18.04 (Q2 = 16.43)
- Number of media releases issued: 49 (Q2 = 40)
- Number of Council Facebook page 'likes': 7,336 (Q2 = 6,633)
- Workers compensation costs as a percentage of payroll: 1.40 % (Q2 = 0.48)
- Telephone calls are answered within 30 seconds: 73 % (Q2 = 79 %)
- Enquiries made in person are welcomed and attended to within 5 minutes: 92 % (Q2 = 92 %)

GOAL 5: WE ARE A HEALTHY COMMUNITY IN A LIVEABLE CITY

WOLLONGONG CITY COUNCIL

Implement the Positive Ageing Strategy

The 'Golden Oldies Screen Dreams in Pictures' creative ageing project was launched on 30 January with a celebratory event for participants. The project has been well received by the community and is an example of promoting positive ageing to the broader community. The project received a huge media and social media response being viewed by more than 10,000 people on twitter and Facebook, it received 444 views on You Tube. The photograph exhibition was displayed for two weeks in Wollongong Central and has received many positive comments from the community including "I am so glad to have seen it, "This put the biggest smile on my face", "Every person in these images looks so amazing and is so infectiously happy", "Fantastic".

A review and update of Council's Older People and People with a Disability Services Directory has also commenced.

Council was unsuccessful in the "Creating Liveable Communities Competition" and is considering other options to deliver the community participation passport project.



Image: Priscilla – Queen of Flagstaff Hill as part of the 'Golden Oldies Screen Dreams in Pictures' creative ageing event

Engage with children in key projects for 2014-15

During the quarter, Council officers visited the primary schools and children's services that had participated in the Stuart Park Play Space engagement to show the final design of the playground. Progress is under way to engage an artist to work with children for the art inclusions for the play space. Children and young people were also involved in the opening of the Holborn Skate Plaza in recognition of their contribution to the design and engagement phase.

Develop and implement public health, amenity and safety regulatory programs that assist in improving compliance with legislative requirements

New Animal Control Rangers were recruited and a targeted education program commenced relating to the Dogs On Beaches and Parks Policy. Further work was undertaken on determining the most suitable locations for coloured posts and other signage.

General Rangers participated in the Mall signage and footpath obstruction enforcement program during this period assisting the City Centre and Community Services sections to ensure compliance by shop keepers.

Council continued with the school zone parking enforcement program and is reviewing the risk based school list to modify its enforcement program. Council also undertook a University education program preparing a new flyer and discussing parking at the University campus prior to commencing an enforcement program at the university.

Deliver Seniors Week Program

More than 80 activities were conducted across the city during Seniors Week 14-22 March 2015. Council contributed to the delivery of a range of events including: the Lady Mayoress Tea Dance; the "Expand the Mind and Improve the Body" mini expo; fitness classes at Beaton Park and Lakeside Leisure Centres; Library Activities including Grandparents Story time, workshops on using tablets and smart phones, Library tours, a Medications and Alcohol Workshop; the Wollongong City Gallery held a Water Colour Workshop and the Green Team conducted a Vintage Trail.

Incorporate elements of good design and wise use of water resources when undertaking improvements to public pool amenities

The solar heated showers, push button, timed and water saving showering devices showers at Port Kembla pool have all been well received by the community and are currently not deriving any significant additional energy expenditure.

Develop and implement priority replacement program for below standard play facilities

The 2014-15 renewal program has rolled out replacement playgrounds at 8 locations. Playgrounds include a regional playground at Stuart Park North Wollongong, district Level playground at McCabe Park Wollongong and local playgrounds at Happy Valley Reserve East Corrimal and King George V Port Kembla being undertaken during the fourth quarter. Dymock Street Fairy Meadow, Harry Baggot Port Kembla, Gorrell Park Mangerton, and Mangerton Park renewals have been completed.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

- Community Transport trips: 31,837 (Q2 = 26,059)
- Direct-Run District Level Community Facilities visitation: 66,124 (Q2 = 60,154)
- Utilisation of Direct-Run District Level Community Facilities: 9,206 Hours (Q2 = 8,877 Hours)
- Social Support hours of service: 10,608 Hours (Q2 = 8,842 Hours)
- Total Visits commercial heated pools: Corrimal: 9,564 (Q2 = 11,495)
- Utilisation/visitation at pools: 98,137 (Q2 = 150,752)
- Utilisation/visitation at beaches: 141,617 (Q2 = 254,782)
- Total Visits commercial heated pools: Dapto: 7,957 (Q2 = 7,457)

GOAL 6: WE HAVE SUSTAINABLE, AFFORDABLE AND ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORT

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Implement footpath and cycleway improvement programs and the development of city wide pedestrian plan.

Program is on track. Footpaths already constructed include Keira Street Wollongong, Woodlawn Avenue Mangerton, Pioneer Rd Towradgi and Cirrus Avenue Dapto. Those underway include Wollongong Harbour Heritage Walk, Dumfries Avenue, Princes Hwy Fairy Meadow and the design of Crown Street West.

The Bike Plan was recently completed and a similar project to develop a citywide pedestrian, shared path and footpath plan is required. This would further integrate civil construction project planning and confirm developer requirements, particularly in suburban areas.

Complete the construction of the Southern Suburbs Skate Plaza

The skate park project has been designed and constructed by CONVIC, a firm specialising in the design and construction of these skate parks. Council has worked closely with CONVIC in the preparation of the design as well as the local community to ensure a quality outcome could be achieved. Construction work was completed and opened to the public in February.

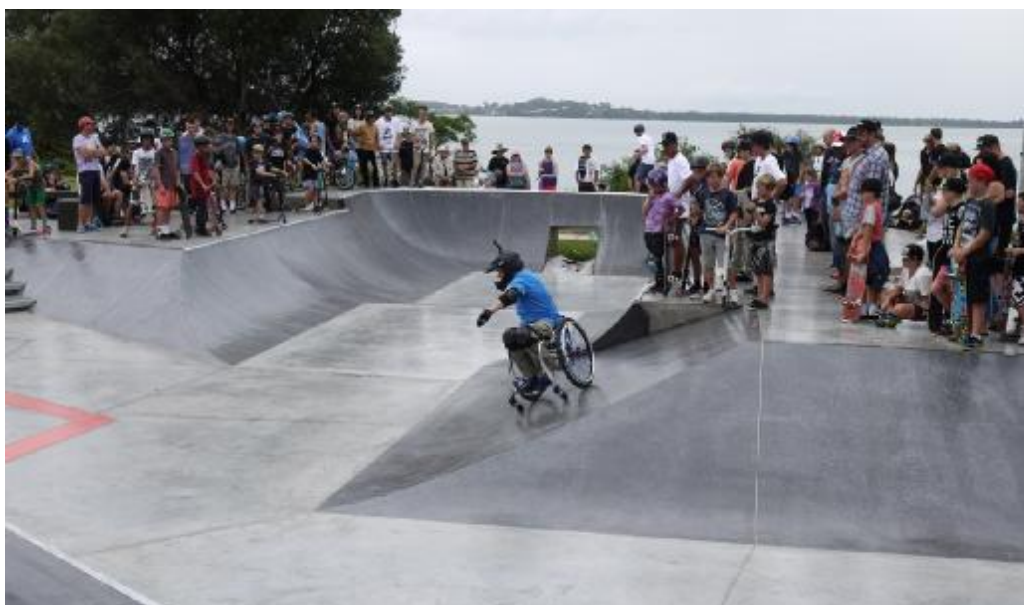


Image: Crowds gather at the Holbron Skate Plaza opening

Commence construction of the Cordeaux Road Shareway

William James bridge replacement progressing in accordance with the construction programme. Bridge planks on north carriageway were due for installation on 1 April 2015.

The shared path contractor has commenced on site with vegetation removal and bulk earthworks. Changed traffic conditions currently in place in accordance with the traffic management plan adopted for this site.



Image: Work progressing on the replacement of William James Bridge, Mt Kembla

Actively participate in the interagency Project Control Group (PCG) to oversee the delivery of infrastructure in the West Dapto Urban Release Area

During this quarter, Council participated in several interagency meetings involving the NSW Department of Planning and Environment, Department of Premier and Cabinet, Roads and Maritime Services concerning West Dapto local and regional infrastructure. This included a meeting of the West Dapto Project Control Group.

Deliver the asset renewal program for active transport

The reconstruction of the shared path in Squires Way between Cabbage Tree Creek and Elliotts Road was completed in December 2014. The renewed facility is 4 metres wide and 1300 metres long and provides separate designated areas for cyclists and pedestrians. The facility is an important link within Council's bicycle network and provides a crucial connection between Wollongong Foreshore/City Centre and coastal suburbs to the north. Utilisation of the path has been found to be amongst the highest in the city. The sharepath for Cordeaux Road is under construction. The increase in width will improve amenity for the range of users who use this busy section of path.

GOAL 6: WE HAVE SUSTAINABLE, AFFORDABLE AND ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORT

Deliver approximately \$1.1M in road resurfacing & reconstruction for 2014-15

Program is ahead of schedule with all pavement design complete and works planned. Major projects already completed include Burelli Street, Mount Keira Road, Princes Hwy Unanderra, and Thirroul Road Kanahooka. While Parkes Street Helensburgh are underway.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

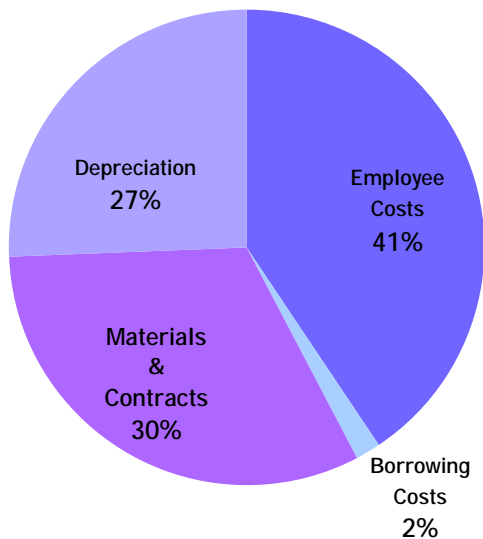
- Delivery of Council's Capital Program: 67% (Q2 = 48 %)

HOW WE PERFORMED AGAINST OUR BUDGETS

WOLLONGONG CITY COUNCIL

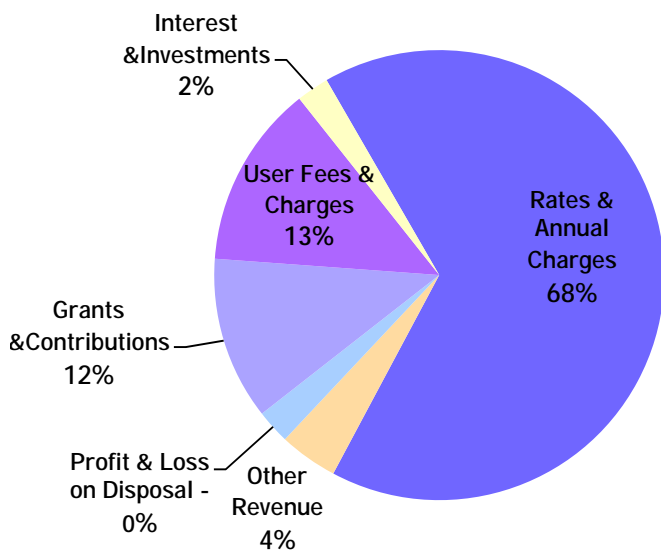
Budget 2014-15

The graph below shows Council's expenses from ordinary activities by expense type for the quarter:



Expense Type (\$'M)	YTD Actual	Proposed budget
Employee Costs less Internal Charges	72.1	98.1
Borrowing Costs	3.0	4.0
Materials & Contracts	56.9	84.8
Depreciation	45.5	60.8
Loss on Disposal of Assets	0.0	0.0
Total	177.5	247.7

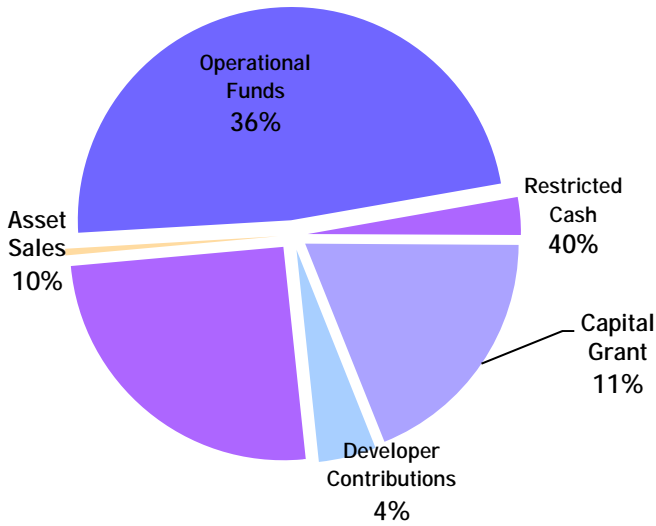
The graph below shows Council's revenue from ordinary activities by revenue type for the quarter:



Income Type (\$'M)	YTD Actual	Proposed budget
Rates & Annual Charges	123.5	166.6
Other Revenue	7.8	11.8
Profit on disposal of Assets	4.5	4.7
Grants & Contributions	21.9	29.4
User Fees & Charges	24.6	32.1
Interest & Investments	4.3	5.6
Total	186.7	250.2

HOW WE PERFORMED AGAINST OUR BUDGETS

The graph below shows Council’s funding sources for the capital project budget for the quarter:



Income Type (\$M)	YTD Actual	Proposed Budget
Restricted Cash	1.7	4.1
Capital Grant	11.2	16.3
Developer Contributions	2.6	5.8
Loan Borrowings	15.0	15.0
Asset Sales	0.3	1.7
Operational Funds	28.6	44.4
Total	59.4	87.3

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The following table provides a summary view of the organisation's overall financial forecast and proposed variations for the full year 2014-15 based on year to date and anticipated performance to March 2015.

FORECAST POSITION		Original Budget	Q2 Budget	Proposed Budget	Variation
KEY MOVEMENTS		1-Jul	26-Dec	27-Mar	Q3
Operating Revenue	\$M	241.8	247.1	250.2	3.1
Operating Costs	\$M	(251.1)	(251.0)	(247.6)	3.4
Operating Result [Pre Capital]	\$M	(9.3)	(3.9)	2.5	6.4
Capital Grants & Contributions	\$M	32.6	28.2	18.7	(9.4)
Operating Result	\$M	23.3	24.3	21.3	(3.0)
Operational Funds Available for Capital	\$M	41.8	34.4	34.4	-
Capital Works		83.7	85.3	85.3	-
Transfer to Restricted Cash		1.0	25.5	25.5	-
Contributed Assets		-	-	1.9	1.9
Funded from:					
- Operational Funds	\$M	41.8	34.5	34.4	(0.1)
- Other Funding	\$M	40.3	66.5	68.4	1.9
Total Funds Surplus/(Deficit)	\$M	(2.7)	(9.9)	(9.9)	0.0

The revised projections at the March Quarterly Review for the year ending 30 June 2015 indicate an improvement of \$6.4M in the projected Operating Result [pre capital]. The favourable result is currently understood to be primarily of a non-recurrent nature in that the adjustments are one off or their future impacts have already been included in the development of the long term financial forecasts. The favourable variation includes some significant one off income items and variations due to timing of funded projects or receipt of grant income. The key impacts include the following, although more detailed analysis is provided through this report:

- The recognition of \$1.7M income for the settlement of a legal case in Council's favour.
- The timing in completion of funded projects and receipt of grant funds \$0.9M. There are a number of projects that are in progress but will not be completed in the current year. Similarly additional grant income has been received where associated works will also not be undertaken until future periods. This variation does not impact the Fund Result in current or future years; however this will deteriorate the operational result when expenditure for these is reintroduced.

- Adjustment to Waste Facility operational budget \$1.0M. This includes a reduction in this year's EPA levy applicable, general operations and slight increase in income forecasts.
- Increase in income \$1.0M. This is comprised of relatively small individual amounts across a range of areas.
- Net decrease in operational costs that are discussed in further detail later in this report \$2.7M.

The Operating Result, that includes adjustments to capital grants and contributions, shows a net deterioration of \$3.0M. This has been impacted by a decrease in expected grants this year, including the deferral of Restart Illawarra Grant (\$9.0M) to future years and the earlier than budgeted receipt of Regional Development Australia Commercial Centre Renewal (\$2.2M) late last year. This has been partially offset by the recognition of additional Contributed Assets of \$1.9M largely due to developer subdivision handovers.

The Fund Result is not impacted by timing of grant income and expenditure and the revised forecast result is inclusive of a proposed transfer to internally restricted cash for Strategic Projects of \$5.9M that is comprised of the one off additional income from the legal settlement of \$1.7M and the Fund (cash) impact of net operational improvements of \$4.2M. This internal restriction was created as part of the 2015-16 Draft Annual Plan process with the intent that any windfalls or improvements in financial result beyond those planned in the Securing Our Future Program would be directed to this restriction to support future strategic projects that would be approved by Council, including potentially West Dapto.

1 Income & Expense

The primary variations and issues are discussed below with favourable changes identified as (F) and unfavourable (U). A more comprehensive list is provided in Table 2.

- Y User Charges and Fees \$0.3M (F). This variation is mainly due to increases in Commercial Tipping charges (\$0.1M) and Tourist Park Income (\$0.1M).
- Y Interest and Investment Income \$0.1M (F). This variation is mainly due to the revaluation of long term fixed interest investments.
- Y Other Revenue \$2.2M (F). This increase is due to settlement of litigation associated with investment advice provided to Council in prior years (\$1.7M), parking infringements issued (\$0.2M), lease income (\$0.1M) and other more minor increases.
- Y Grants & Contributions Operating – \$0.2M (F). This increase is due to timing of grant payments.
- Y Profit on Disposal of Assets \$0.2M (F). This is due to the sale of a property located at Shellharbour Road, Port Kembla that does not have a book value in the asset register.
- Y Employee Costs \$0.7M (F). This adjustment relates to lower Workers' Compensation costs (\$0.5M), a reduction in Cadets and Apprentices expenses due to internal placements and resignations (\$0.1M). This is partially offset by a transfer in resource from materials (\$0.1M).
- Y Materials, Contracts & Other Expenses \$2.7M (F). Proposed favourable adjustments include a reduction in waste facility operations (\$0.8M), projects funded from internal and external restrictions that have been deferred to future years (\$0.6M), removal of contingency funds not required in the current year (\$0.8M), Lake Illawarra (\$0.3M) due to delay in finalising management arrangements, and contributions for Fire Services (\$0.3M). These positive adjustments have been offset by an increase in expenditure for domestic waste management contracts of \$0.7M that is supported by a transfer from externally restricted cash and as such does not impact on the Fund Result.
- Y Grants & Contributions – Capital \$9.4M (U). This variation is due to the change in timing of the Restart Illawarra grant relating to Fowlers Rd, West Dapto that will be received in future years (\$9.0M) and an adjustment for the Regional Development Australia Commercial Centre Renewal grant received in prior years (\$2.2M). This has been offset by the recognition of Contributed Assets resulting from subdivision handovers (\$1.9M).

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2 Capital Budget

Revised capital projections include an increase from \$85.3M to \$87.2M that is due to the recognition of \$1.9M of contributed assets. The capital program was reduced by \$0.9M during the March Quarter and has been reported and approved separately through the monthly reporting process.

3 Cash & Investments

The decrease in projected cash and investments of \$5.4M at March is largely due to the impact of the reduction in capital grants including Restart Illawarra (\$9.0M) and Regional Development Australia (\$2.2M) partially offset by the positive operating result adjustment.

Available Funds excludes movement in externally and internally restricted cash such as timing of special purpose grants, progress of funded projects and land sales and reflects only the impact of operational improvements. The Available Funds have decreased by \$7.0M from the December Quarterly Review projections due to the creation of the internal restriction for Future Projects and the transfer of \$6.9M to this as part of the development of the 2015-16 Draft Annual Plan, which is currently on exhibition. The \$6.9M represented the level of Available Funds that exceeded the upper level outlined in the Financial Strategy. The 2015-16 Draft Annual Plan contains a list of projects that are intended to be funded through this program. The March Quarterly Review has not changed the Available Funds as the forecast improvements in the result are proposed to be transferred to the Strategic Projects internal restriction.

Table 2

CASH, INVESTMENTS & AVAILABLE FUNDS						
	Actual 2013/14	Original Budget 2014/15	September QR 2014/15	December QR 2014/15	March QR 2014/15	Actual Ytd 27 March 2015
	\$M	\$M	\$M	\$M	\$M	\$M
Total Cash and Investments	117.9	109.5	112.9	129.8	124.4	145.7
Attributed to:						
External Restrictions						
Developer Contributions	14.0	11.7	11.2	12.5	11.7	18.7
Specific Purpose Unexpended Grants	11.6	17.8	20.8	15.5	5.2	6.5
Special Rates Levy City Centre	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2
Unexpended Loans	25.3	16.8	15.7	30.5	30.7	29.9
Domestic Waste Management	8.1	9.5	10.4	10.7	10.0	10.1
Private Subsidies	3.3	2.3	4.3	3.8	4.0	3.2
West Dapto Home Assistance Prog		5.8	5.8	5.8	5.8	3.0
Stormwater Management Charge	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.5
Total External Restrictions	63.0	64.6	68.6	79.1	67.8	72.001
Internal Restrictions						
Property Investment Fund				7.8	7.8	7.8
Future Programs					6.9	6.9
Community Infrastructure Fund	1.5	3.7	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.1
Strategic Projects	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.2	11.1	5.2
Sports Priority program	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.7
Car Parking strategy	0.2	(0.2)	(0.1)	0.1	0.1	0.3
MacCabe Park Development	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
Darcy Wentworth Park	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Garbage Disposal Facility	13.8	16.4	13.1	11.2	11.1	10.6
Telecommunications Revenue	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
West Dapto additional	0.3	-	-	-	-	0.6
Southern Phone			0.5	0.4	0.5	0.5
Carbon Pricing	4.5	6.6	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.4
Total Internal Restrictions	27.0	33.5	29.2	35.1	47.7	35.0
Available Cash	28.0	11.3	15.2	15.6	8.9	38.6
Net Payable & Receivables	(3.6)	4.5	5.9	6.0	5.7	(3.3)
Current payables	(29.1)	(22.6)	(22.6)	(22.6)	(22.3)	(28.8)
Receivables	18.6	21.2	21.4	21.5	21.0	14.7
Other	1.6	0.9	1.7	1.7	1.7	5.5
Non current Receivables	5.2	5.0	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.2
Available Funds	24.4	15.9	21.1	21.6	14.6	35.3

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4 Securing Our Future Outcomes

An Efficiency target was developed as part of the 'Securing Our Future' program that was endorsed by Council through the adoption of the 2014-15 Annual Plan along with the special rate variation, revenue increases and service adjustment targets.

Securing Our Future Adopted Outcomes	EFFICIENCY		SERVICES	REVENUE		TOTAL
	Lower Impact \$,000	High Impact \$,000	\$,000	Rates * \$,000	Other \$,000	\$,000
2014/15	1,000		1,000	4,950	120	7,070
2015/16	1,000		200	4,560	250	6,010
2016/17	1,500	500	200	4,990	130	7,320
2017/18		500	100			600
2018/19						-
TOTAL	3,500	1,000	1,500	14,500	500	21,000

The long term financial projections include efficiency targets of \$1.0 million for 2014-15, \$1.0 million for 2015-16, \$2.0 million for 2016-17 and \$0.5 million for 2017-18 that are indexed thereafter. The lower impact targets for improvements have been proportionally allocated to individual services based on the level of discretionary expenditure in each. Managers are working towards the short and medium term targets. Progress is reported through the Quarterly Review. Where improvements in income or non-discretionary cost can be achieved ahead of schedule, it is intended that the additional funds may be used to initiate further actions required to achieve future improvement targets or offset individual targets that may not be achieved in the planned timeframe.

As at the March Review, \$0.83M or 83% of the 2014-15 planned efficiency target improvements have been identified. In line with the strategic intent, the efficiency targets are not intended to impact on service delivery. The following table shows where efficiency improvements have been identified to date. It should be noted that the planned revenue improvements of \$120K for 2014-15 and Service Adjustments of \$1.0M (that were achieved through an extension of footpath useful lives) in the above table were identified prior to the final adoption of the 2014-15 Annual Plan and are included in the following table for information purposes.

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Securing Our Future Improvement Targets									
	2014-15			2015-16			2016-17		
Service	Adopted Budget	Achieved	Balance	Adopted Budget	Achieved	Balance	Adopted Budget	Achieved	Balance
	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's
Allocated Efficiency Targets - Lower Impact									
Aquatic Services	(65)	65	0	(129)	68	(62)	(233)	75	(158)
Botanic Garden and Nursery	(23)	23	0	(46)	23	(22)	(82)	24	(58)
Community Facilities	(20)	20	0	(39)	39	0	(71)	71	0
Community Programs	(11)	11	0	(22)	22	(1)	(40)	39	(1)
Corporate Strategy	(8)	8	0	(17)	10	(7)	(30)	18	(12)
Crematorium and Cemeteries	(18)	18	0	(36)	18	(17)	(64)	17	(47)
City Centre Management	(6)	6	0	(12)	10	(2)	(22)	17	(5)
Cultural Services	(19)	19	0	(39)	31	(8)	(70)	14	(56)
Integrated Customer Service	(33)	33	0	(66)	0	(66)	(119)	0	(119)
Development Assessment/Certification	(49)	49	0	(98)	0	(98)	(177)	0	(177)
Stormwater Services	(20)	20	0	(39)	17	(22)	(71)	31	(40)
Economic Development	(6)	6	(0)	(13)	4	(8)	(23)	0	(23)
Emergency Management	(7)	7	0	(14)	8	(6)	(25)	9	(16)
Environmental Services	(16)	16	0	(32)	16	(15)	(57)	17	(40)
Financial Services	(40)	40	0	(79)	79	0	(143)	143	0
Governance and Administration	(42)	39	(3)	(84)	28	(56)	(151)	42	(109)
Public Health	(7)	7	0	(15)	0	(15)	(27)	0	(27)
Human Resources	(42)	0	(42)	(84)	(0)	(84)	(151)	0	(151)
Information/Communications Technology	(19)	19	0	(38)	0	(38)	(69)	0	(69)
Infrastructure Planning & Support	(94)	43	(51)	(189)	53	(136)	(340)	76	(264)
Internal Charges Service	(2)	2	0	(4)	2	(2)	(8)	2	(6)
Leisure Services	(29)	29	0	(57)	33	(24)	(103)	36	(67)
Libraries	(58)	57	(1)	(115)	114	(1)	(208)	106	(102)
Natural Area Management	(13)	10	(3)	(26)	16	(10)	(47)	21	(26)
Land Use Planning	(17)	17	0	(33)	17	(16)	(60)	18	(42)
Property Services	(10)	10	0	(21)	11	(10)	(37)	11	(26)
Public Relations	(20)	20	0	(41)	2	(38)	(73)	4	(69)
Parks and Sportsfields	(87)	30	(57)	(174)	21	(153)	(314)	22	(292)
Regulatory Control	(22)	22	0	(44)	0	(44)	(80)	0	(80)
Tourist Parks	(30)	30	0	(61)	31	(29)	(109)	32	(77)
Transport Services	(98)	87	(11)	(195)	40	(156)	(352)	36	(316)
Waste Management	(61)	61	0	(122)	53	(69)	(219)	19	(200)
Youth Services	(7)	7	0	(15)	0	(15)	(27)	0	(27)
	(1,000)	832	(168)	(2,000)	769	(1,231)	(3,602)	899	(2,703)
High Impact Efficiency Target, Income & Service Adjustments									
Efficiency Improvements							(500)	215	(285)
Service Adjustments	(1,000)	1,000	0	(1,200)	1,000	(200)	(1,400)	1,000	(400)
Additional Revenues	(120)	170	50	(370)	(370)	0	(500)	470	(30)
	(1,120)	1,170	50	(1,570)	630	(200)	(2,400)	1,685	(715)
	(2,120)	2,002	(118)	(3,570)	1,399	(1,431)	(6,002)	2,583	(3,419)

5 Long Term Financial Projections

Key Performance Information shown below is based on the financial forecasts that are contained in the Revised Delivery Program 2012-17 and Resourcing Strategy 2012-22 that were adopted by Council on 17 February 2014 and updated as part of the development of the 2015-16 Draft Annual Plan that is currently on exhibition. Council has a continuous budget process that revises the long term forecasts in line with quarterly changes and resets assumptions and indices annually or where new information leads to an immediate requirement to change the indices.

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The revised long term forecasts that these indicators are based on are indicative and will be reviewed through the annual management planning process and in the context of changes that may become apparent through the exhibition process.

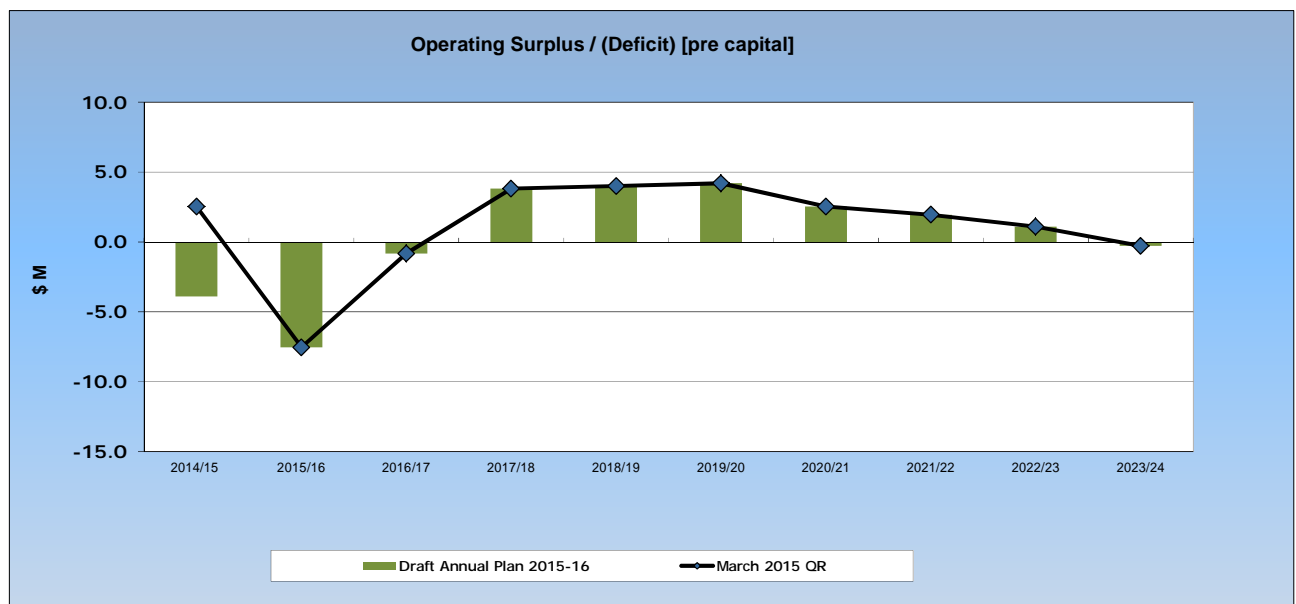
Long Term Operating Surplus/(Deficit) [pre capital]

The Operating Result [pre capital] provides an indication of the long term viability of Council. In broad terms, a deficit from operations indicates that Council is not earning sufficient revenue to fund its ongoing operations (services) and continue to renew existing assets.

Improvements to the forecast for 2014-15 during this quarter include the settlement of a legal claim relating to investment advice (\$1.7M) and various other more minor improvements that have been discussed in detail earlier in this report. It should be noted that the improvements from the Operating Result do not flow through to the funds result as the net improvement had been transferred to Strategic Projects internal restriction.

The revised long term projections are indicative at this stage and will be further reviewed through the annual planning process and to reflect more recent information from both external sources and internal analysis and as programs develop or become more defined.

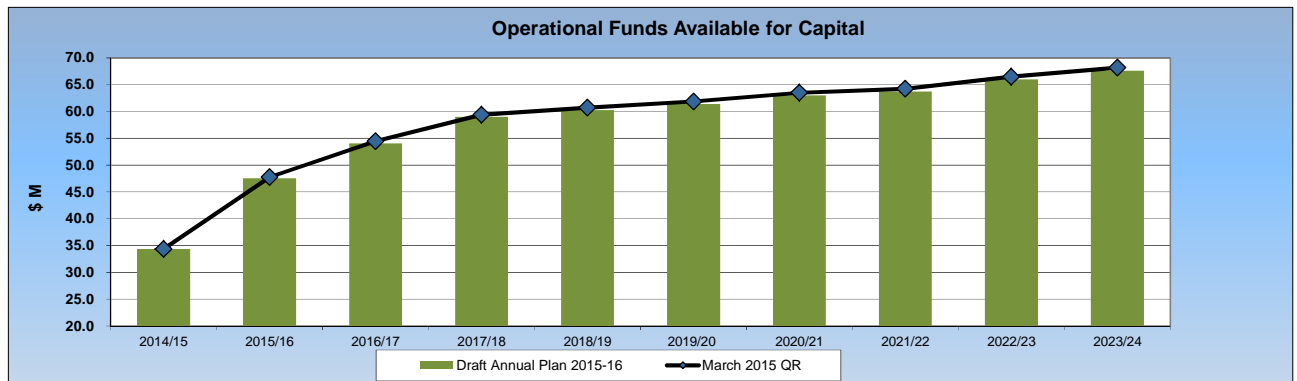
Table 3



Long Term Operational Funds Available for Capital

An increase in Operational Funds available for capital remains the primary objective of Council to provide for effective renewal of assets. Timing issues such as early receipt of grant income or deferral of externally funded projects do not impact on Operational Funds available for Capital projections.

Table 4

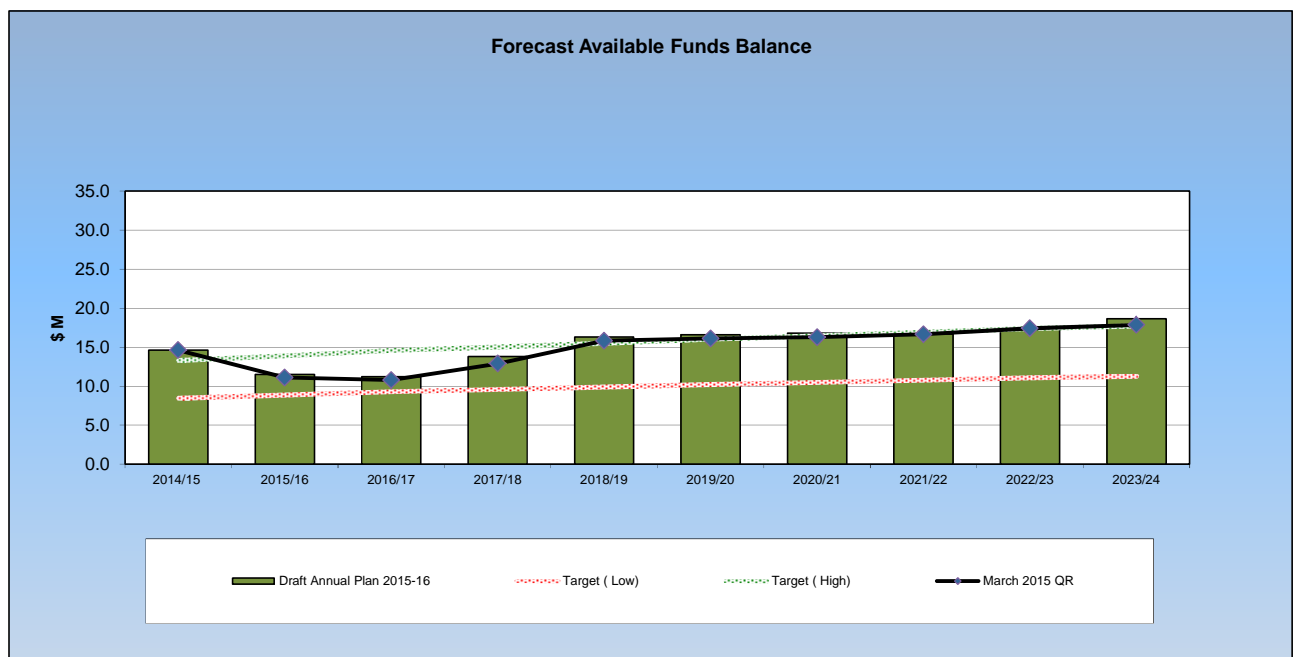


Available Funds

Available Funds are the uncommitted funds of an organisation that assist in meeting the short term cash requirements, provide contingency for unexpected costs or loss of revenue, and to provide flexibility to take advantage of opportunities that may arise from time to time. Council’s Financial Strategy has a target to achieve and maintain an Available Funds position between 3.5% and 5.5% of operational revenue [pre capital].

The Available Funds remain above Council’s Financial Strategy target of 3.5% to 5.5% of operational revenue [pre capital]. Based on the 2015-16 Draft Annual Plan the target range for Available Funds is between \$8.6M and \$11.4M (lower range) and between \$13.6M and \$18.0M (upper range) over the life of the Long Term Financial Plan. The revised projections for the March Quarterly Review have not impacted projected Available Funds as identified improvements in operational result have been applied to internally restricted cash for Strategic Projects. This restriction was initially created from improved result in 2013-14 with an initial deposit of \$5.2M and has now been increased by proceeds from the legal settlement of \$1.7M and net operational result improvements at this Review of \$4.2M.

Table 5



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WOLLONGONG CITY COUNCIL

March 2015 Quarterly Review

	Original Budget \$'000	Current Budget \$'000	YTD Actual YTD \$'000	Proposed Variation \$'000	Proposed Budget \$'000
Income Statement					
Income From Continuing Operations					
Revenue:					
Rates and Annual Charges	165,699	166,585	123,478	26	166,611
User Charges and Fees	32,487	31,804	24,596	266	32,071
Interest and Investment Revenues	5,238	5,514	4,340	129	5,644
Other Revenues	9,143	9,562	7,831	2,195	11,756
Grants & Contributions provided for Operating Purposes	28,146	29,110	21,889	246	29,356
Grants & Contributions provided for Capital Purposes	32,604	28,174	13,300	(9,443)	18,731
Profit/Loss on Disposal of Assets	1,040	4,546	4,547	190	4,736
Total Income from Continuing Operations	274,357	275,296	199,981	(6,391)	268,905
Expenses From Continuing Operations					
Employee Costs	107,212	109,338	80,252	(650)	108,689
Borrowing Costs	3,830	3,991	2,980	(0)	3,991
Materials, Contracts & Other Expenses	90,424	88,937	57,952	(2,724)	86,213
Depreciation, Amortisation + Impairment	61,767	60,773	45,508	2	60,774
Internal Charges (labour)	(10,606)	(10,591)	(8,196)	(9)	(10,599)
Internal Charges (not labour)	(1,536)	(1,422)	(1,018)	2	(1,420)
Total Expenses From Continuing Operations	251,092	251,027	177,477	(3,379)	247,648
Operating Results From Continuing Operations	23,265	24,269	22,504	(3,013)	21,257
Net Operating Result for the Year	23,265	24,269	22,504	(3,013)	21,257
Net Operating Result for the Year before Grants & Contributions provided for Capital Purposes	(9,338)	(3,905)	9,204	6,431	2,526
NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT) [Pre capital] %	(3.4%)	(1.4%)	4.6%	(100.6%)	0.9%

Funding Statement

Net Operating Result for the Year	23,265	24,269	22,504	(3,013)	21,257
Add back :					
- Non-cash Operating Transactions	78,059	71,204	52,518	(260)	70,944
- Restricted cash used for operations	14,413	15,814	6,062	8	15,821
- Income transferred to Restricted Cash	(58,334)	(61,151)	(36,095)	4,015	(57,136)
- Payment of Accrued Leave Entitlements	(10,145)	(10,145)	(8,737)	(750)	(10,895)
- Payment of Carbon Contributions	(427)	(263)	(264)	0	(263)
Funds Available from Operations	46,832	39,727	35,987	(0)	39,727
Advances (made by) / repaid to Council	(135)	(135)	10	0	(135)
Borrowings repaid	(4,914)	(5,236)	(4,361)	0	(5,236)
Operational Funds Available for Capital Budget	41,782	34,356	31,636	(0)	34,356
CAPITAL BUDGET					
Assets Acquired	(83,693)	(85,288)	(57,558)	0	(85,288)
Contributed Assets	0	0	(1,909)	(1,909)	(1,909)
Transfers to Restricted Cash	(1,040)	(25,472)	(17,638)	0	(25,472)
Funded From :-					
- Operational Funds	41,782	34,356	31,636	(0)	34,356
- Sale of Assets	3,263	12,173	10,746	0	12,173
- Internally Restricted Cash	5,126	8,184	6,376	0	8,184
- Borrowings	0	15,000	15,000	0	15,000
- Capital Grants	13,914	12,403	9,946	0	12,403
- Developer Contributions (Section 94)	5,858	5,862	2,607	0	5,862
- Other Externally Restricted Cash	10,136	10,893	8,423	0	10,893
- Other Capital Contributions	1,955	1,987	3,209	1,909	3,896
TOTAL FUNDS SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	(2,700)	(9,903)	10,837	0	(9,903)

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MAJOR VARIATIONS YTD compared to Budget	\$'000s	Offsetting Items for Fund	Surplus	Deficit	Net by type
REVENUES FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES					
Rates & Annual Charges					
Domestic Waste		26			26
User Charges & Fees					
Tourist Parks & Crematorium			134		
Whytes Gully Waste Disposal			160		
Domestic Waste Services Income		(38)			
Other		(20)	31		266
Interest and Investment Income					
Interest Income		(71)	200		129
Other Revenue					
Investment advice litigation settlement		1,700			
Parking enforcement		88	137		
Lease Income			110		
Other		(2)	162		2,195
Grants & contribution - Operating					
Community Transport Services		127			
Other		119			246
Profit/Loss on Disposal of Assets					
Carrying value of land sales		190			190
EXPENSES FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES					
Employee Costs					
Workers Compensation Costs			450		
Cadets and Apprentices			100		
LEP project postponed to next year			70		
Allocation of efficiency targets to specific programs & areas		72			
Additional ranger service for city events		(88)			
Change in resourcing from Materials & Contracts		(137)			
Externally funded projects to be completed in future periods		93			
Various other adjustments		(27)	117		650
Materials, Contracts & Other Expenses					
Reductions in Expenditure					
Lake Illawarra Works			317		
Fire Service Statutory Contributions			259		
Information Technology Operational Projects			100		
Fuel - Motor Vehicles			80		
Waste					
EPA Levy Commercial			406		
Other			411		
Domestic waste contracts		(718)			
West Dapto Home Deposit Contribution delay		71			
Externally funded projects to be completed in future periods		506			
West Dapto Review to be completed in future periods		120	40		
Change in resourcing to employees costs		137			
Operational Contingency			908		
Allocation of efficiency targets to specific programs & areas		(328)			
Various other adjustments		317	98		2,724

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MAJOR VARIATIONS YTD compared to Budget	\$'000s	Offsetting Items for Fund		Net by type
		Surplus	Deficit	
Depreciation			(2)	(2)
Internal Charges		7		7
Operating Variation [pre capital]	2,137	4,297	-	6,431
Capital Grants & Contributions				
Contributed Assets	1,909			
Restart Illawarra	(9,046)			
Regional Development Australia Commercial Centre Renewal	(2,239)			
Flood Mitigation	(265)			
Other	198			
Operating Variation [post capital]	(7,306)	4,297	-	(3,013)
FUNDING STATEMENT				
Non Cash Expenses				
Remove Carrying Amount Shellharbour Rd, Pt Kembla	(190)			
Leave Liability			(70)	(260)
Restricted Cash Used for Operations				
Funded projects to be completed in future periods	(733)			
Domestic Waste Reserve transfer to offset additional cost	732	9		8
Income Transferred to Restricted Cash				
Net operating result improvement transferred to Strategic Projects			(4,203)	
Capital Grants	11,352			
Contributed Assets	(1,909)			
Investment litigation proceeds transferred to Strategic Projects	(1,700)			
Operating Grants	(246)			
Adjustment of interest applicable to internal & external restrictions		709		
Other		12		4,015
Payment of Leave Entitlements on termination			(750)	(750)
OPERATIONAL FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR CAPITAL	(0)	5,025	(5,025)	-
CAPITAL BUDGET				
Contributed Assets	(1,909)			
Contributed Assets Funding	1,909			
TOTAL FUNDS SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(0)	5,025	(5,025)	-

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CAPITAL PROJECT REPORT

March 2015 Quarterly Review

ASSET CLASS PROGRAMME	\$'000		\$'000		\$'000	
	CURRENT BUDGET		WORKING BUDGET		VARIATION	
	EXPENDITURE	OTHER FUNDING	EXPENDITURE	OTHER FUNDING	EXPENDITURE	OTHER FUNDING
Roads And Related Assets						
Traffic Facilities	2,285	(1,286)	2,555	(1,306)	270	(20)
Public Transport Facilities	250	(75)	250	(75)	0	0
Roadworks	6,467	(1,141)	8,072	(1,246)	1,605	(105)
Bridges, Boardwalks and Jetties	3,670	(1,840)	3,720	(1,840)	50	0
TOTAL Roads And Related Assets	12,672	(4,342)	14,597	(4,467)	1,925	(125)
West Dapto						
West Dapto Infrastructure Expansion	8,725	(8,749)	9,087	(9,110)	362	(362)
TOTAL West Dapto	8,725	(8,749)	9,087	(9,110)	362	(362)
Footpaths And Cycleways						
Footpaths	5,558	(4,463)	6,009	(4,760)	451	(297)
Cycle/Shared Paths	6,910	(4,862)	5,928	(3,871)	(981)	991
Commercial Centre Updages - Footpaths and Cycleway:	13,877	(2,815)	11,757	(2,815)	(2,120)	(0)
TOTAL Footpaths And Cycleways	26,345	(12,140)	23,694	(11,446)	(2,650)	694
Carparks						
Carpark Construction/Formalising	677	(400)	677	(400)	0	(0)
Carpark Reconstruction or Upgrading	471	0	1,136	(200)	665	(200)
TOTAL Carparks	1,148	(400)	1,813	(600)	665	(200)
Stormwater And Floodplain Management						
Floodplain Management	1,279	(709)	1,094	(594)	(185)	115
Stormwater Management	1,430	(750)	1,629	(879)	199	(129)
Stormwater Treatment Devices	200	(200)	181	(181)	(19)	19
TOTAL Stormwater And Floodplain Mar	2,909	(1,659)	2,904	(1,654)	(5)	5
Buildings						
Cultural Centres (IPAC, Gallery, Townhall)	802	0	955	(60)	153	(60)
Administration Buildings	1,916	0	1,601	0	(315)	0
Community Buildings	5,379	(925)	5,661	(935)	282	(10)
Public Facilities (Shelters, Toilets etc)	1,115	(113)	1,120	(113)	5	0
TOTAL Buildings	9,211	(1,038)	9,336	(1,108)	125	(70)
Commercial Operations						
Tourist Park - Upgrades and Renewal	700	0	660	0	(40)	0
Crematorium/Cemetery - Upgrades and Renewal	274	0	369	0	95	0
Leisure Centres & RVGC	150	0	175	0	25	0
TOTAL Commercial Operations	1,124	0	1,204	0	80	0
Parks Gardens And Sportfields						
Play Facilities	2,122	(767)	2,159	(804)	37	(37)
Recreation Facilities	624	0	609	0	(15)	0
Sporting Facilities	1,313	(936)	1,124	(886)	(189)	50
Lake Illawarra Foreshore	225	0	160	0	(65)	0
TOTAL Parks Gardens And Sportfields	4,284	(1,703)	4,052	(1,690)	(232)	13
Beaches And Pools						
Beach Facilities	413	0	428	0	15	0
Rock/Tidal Pools	1,375	0	1,385	0	10	0
Treated Water Pools	1,259	(8)	1,190	(8)	(70)	0
TOTAL Beaches And Pools	3,048	(8)	3,003	(8)	(45)	0

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CAPITAL PROJECT REPORT

March 2015 Quarterly Review

ASSET CLASS PROGRAMME	\$'000		\$'000		\$'000	
	CURRENT BUDGET		WORKING BUDGET		VARIATION	
	EXPENDITURE	OTHER FUNDING	EXPENDITURE	OTHER FUNDING	EXPENDITURE	OTHER FUNDING
Natural Areas						
Environmental Management Program	145	0	20	0	(125)	0
Natural Area Management and Rehabilitation	165	(45)	302	(45)	137	0
TOTAL Natural Areas	310	(45)	322	(45)	12	0
Waste Facilities						
Whytes Gully New Cells	5,550	(5,550)	5,895	(5,895)	345	(345)
Whytes Gully Renewal Works	390	(390)	235	(235)	(155)	155
Helensburgh Rehabilitation	500	(500)	220	(220)	(280)	280
TOTAL Waste Facilities	6,440	(6,440)	6,350	(6,350)	(90)	90
Fleet						
Motor Vehicles	2,886	(1,773)	1,886	(1,043)	(1,000)	730
TOTAL Fleet	2,886	(1,773)	1,886	(1,043)	(1,000)	730
Plant And Equipment						
Portable Equipment (Mowers etc)	400	(300)	400	(300)	(0)	0
Mobile Plant (trucks, backhoes etc)	2,000	(150)	2,256	(215)	256	(65)
Fixed Equipment	260	0	260	0	0	0
TOTAL Plant And Equipment	2,660	(450)	2,916	(515)	256	(65)
Information Technology						
Information Technology	820	0	820	0	(0)	0
TOTAL Information Technology	820	0	820	0	(0)	0
Library Books						
Library Books	1,200	0	1,200	0	(0)	0
TOTAL Library Books	1,200	0	1,200	0	(0)	0
Public Art						
Public Art Works	282	(22)	282	(22)	0	(0)
Art Gallery Acquisitions	141	(41)	141	(41)	0	0
TOTAL Public Art	423	(63)	423	(63)	0	(0)
Emergency Services						
Emergency Services Plant and Equipment	400	0	200	0	(200)	0
TOTAL Emergency Services	400	0	200	0	(200)	0
Land Acquisitions						
Land Acquisitions	730	0	730	0	(0)	0
TOTAL Land Acquisitions	730	0	730	0	(0)	0
Non-Project Allocations						
Capital Project Contingency	89	0	296	0	206	0
Capital Project Plan	775	(366)	455	(166)	(320)	200
TOTAL Non-Project Allocations	864	(366)	751	(166)	(114)	200
Loans						
West Dapto Loan	0	(2,760)	0	(2,760)	0	0
LIRS Loan	0	(15,000)	0	(15,000)	0	0
TOTAL Loans	0	(17,760)	0	(17,760)	0	0
GRAND TOTAL	86,199	(56,934)	85,288	(56,024)	(910)	910

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The Quarterly Budget Review Statement (QBRs) requirements issued by the Department of Local Government in December 2010, require Council to provide additional information that is included in the following schedules and this report should be read in conjunction with these.

The QBRs guidelines require councils to provide a listing of contracts that have been entered into during the quarter that have yet to be fully performed. Details of contracts, other than contractors that are on a council's preferred supplier list, that have a value equivalent of 1% of estimated income from continuing operations or \$50K, whichever is the lesser, are required to be provided.

Contract Listing					
Budget Review for Quarter ended March 2015					
Contractor	Contract Detail & Purpose	Contract Value \$000's	Commencement Date	Duration of Contract	Budgeted Y/N
Graffiti Clean	Graffiti Removal	319	5/01/2015	FY 2014/2020	YES
Norman Disney & Young	Lighting Design for the Administration Building	55	5/01/2015	FY 2014/2015	YES
Colemans Group (Aust) Pty Ltd	Design and Construction of Softball/Baseball Facility at Fred Finch Park	150	7/01/2015	FY 2014/2015	YES
Cleary Bros (Bombo)	Cordeaux Road Mount Kembla Shared Pathway	5,732	27/01/2015	FY 2014/2015	YES
Ms Sofia Papadopoulos	Licence of the kiosk/residence at Stanwell Park Reserve	309	1/02/2015	FY 2014/2018	YES
Task Engineering	Installation of Traffic Lights at Cnr Auburn & Burelli Streets	145	2/02/2015	FY 2014/2015	YES
Encat Metal and Civil Pty Ltd	City Beach Lifeguard Tower	130	2/02/2015	FY 2014/2015	YES
Camarda and Cantrill Pty Ltd	Thomas Dalton Park-Redevelopment of Existing Amenities	371	25/02/2015	FY 2014/2015	YES
Land and Marine Ocean Engineering	Wombarra Rock Pool Sea Wall Project	636	2/03/2015	FY 2014/2015	YES
Thomas & Coffey	Art Gallery Fire Compliance	91	31/03/2015	FY 2014/2015	YES

The QBRs guidelines also require councils to identify the amount expended on consultancies and legal fees for the financial year. Consultants are defined as a person or organisation that is engaged under contract on a temporary basis to provide recommendations or high level specialist or professional advice to assist decision making by management. Generally, it is the advisory nature of the work that differentiates a consultant from other contractors.

Consultancy and Legal Expenses		
Budget Review for Quarter ended March 2015		
Expense	Expenditure YTD \$000's	Budgeted (Y/N)
Consultancies	569	YES
Legal Fees	895	YES

STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBLE ACCOUNTING OFFICER

All investments held at the 31 March 2015 were invested in accordance with Council's Investment Policy.

Bank reconciliations have been completed as at 31 March 2015.

Year to date cash and investments are reconciled with funds invested and cash at bank.

BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENT - REVISION TO FULL YEAR ESTIMATES

The following statement is made in accordance with Clause 203(2) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005.

It is my opinion that the financial statements and schedules contained within the Quarterly Review Statement for Wollongong City Council for the quarter ended 31 March 2015 indicate that Council's projected financial position at 30 June 2015 will be satisfactory having regard to the projected estimates of income and expenditure and the original budgeted income and expenditure.

The overall year to date position is within expectations of the adopted budget across the broad range of indicators and on a budget outcome basis is acceptable.

Brian Jenkins
Responsible Accounting Officer