

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING | Number 2 |

OF COUNCIL

BUSINESS AGENDA

31 May 2022

Kate Jessep General Manager MEETING **EXTRAORDINARY**

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REQUEST FOR EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

s366 of the Local Government Act

REASON FOR EXTRAORDINARY MEETING Number 2 for 31 May 2022 to be held concurrently with Extraordinary Meeting 31 May 2022 at 4:00pm.

1. Quarterly Budget Review Statement - Third Quarter 2021-22 (March 2022)

REQUESTED BY:

Councillor Name	Councillor Signature	Dated
Cr B Crouch	h/ Cordere L	30 May 2022

Councillor Name	Councillor Signature	Dated
Cr B McMullen	BMCMM	30 May 2022

8. REPORT TO COUNCIL



8.1.QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENT – THIRD QUARTER 2021-22 (MARCH 2022)

Department:	Finance
Prepared by:	Corporate Accountant/CFO
TRIM Reference:	UINT/2022/6420
Attachment:	UINT/22/5949

LINKAGE TO INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING FRAMEWORK

Goal: 4	4.2	An effective and efficient organisation
Strategy: 4	4.2.2	Operate in a financially responsible and sustainable manner
Activity: 4	4.2.2.1	Maintain and control financial system and improve long term financial sustainability
Action: 4	4.2.2.1.8	Complete and report quarterly budget review statements

SUMMARY:

1. The purpose of this report is to present to Council a review of the budget for the third quarter of the 2021/22 financial year.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council note the third quarter budget review summary for the 2021/22 financial year and adopt the adjustments to budget allocations.

REPORT:

- 2. It is a statutory requirement that Council's Responsible Accounting Officer prepares and submits a budget review statement to Council on a Quarterly basis each financial year (LGGR 2005 cl.203 (1)).
- 3. Council's Responsible Accounting Officer must also include with the budget review report an opinion on the financial position of Council and any recommendations for remedial action if required. As such the third quarterly review for the 2021/22 financial year has been prepared and attached for Council's review and adoption.
- 4. The attached quarterly budget review report shows net income and expenditure adjustments (before capital grants) of approximately \$140,000 improvement and reduced capital expenditure of over \$2.87 million.
- 5. The net change in the operating result before capital grants can mostly be attributed to net expenditure reductions of \$408,000 of which savings on vacant positions of \$268,000 was the primary contributor.
- 6. The major capital expenditure adjustment relates to the Uralla Groundwater project, which will carry to 2023 with test bore drilling to commence in June 2022, in addition to timing on Court House refurbishment and Hawthorne Drive upgrade projects.
- 7. The rates and charges arrears percentage continues to improve and has dropped over 1% from the last quarter to 4.23%, comfortably below the internal benchmark of 6.5%.

- 8. The third quarter budget review statement reflects some of the variations that arise from normal operating changes in any given year.
- 9. The variations are detailed in the *Recommended changes to revised budget for income and expenses budget and capital budget* pages of the attached report.
- 10. The major changes can be summarised as follows:
 - a. \$1,227,000 deferral of expected capital grant revenue and associated capital expenditure of \$2,013,220 to 2022-23;
 - b. \$200,000 reduction in expenditure on Integrated Water Cycle Management offset by reduction in expected funding of \$180,000;
 - c. Savings of \$268,000 resulting primarily from vacant positions remaining unfilled for periods of time.
- 11. The budget adjustments this quarter have again shown a deterioration of the likely financial result before capital grants from an original budgeted loss of \$1.83M to one of \$2.03M, however this is an improvement on the prior quarter's projected loss of \$2.17M. Furthermore, the forecast is conservative and further improvements may be realised before 30 June 2022.

11B. Addendum – Explanation of items 11 to 16

Item 11 – Acquisition of procurement framework templates:

The acquisition and implementation of procurement framework templates was an outcome of the procurement service review. This is funded from savings on budgeted professional services not required in 2021/22 (item 2 in the budget variations).

Item 12 – Unbudgeted costs for water supply at depot:

Some internal charges for water have not previously been captured. Following the meter reading at the depot, a charge for water use was raised by the Water Fund to the General Fund. No amount had been budgeted for this cost in the 2021-22 budget. This charge for water supply has resulted in additional income for the Water Fund although this has not been adjusted in this QBRS as there is no certainty that revenue will exceed budget.

Item 13 – GIS software license:

Costs for annual GIS software license were omitted from the 2021-22 budget. It is likely that there may be some savings in IT costs that will absorb this expenditure.

Item 14 – Projected expenditure on waste facility leachate monitoring

These costs relate to landfill monitoring, not just leachate monitoring. Overall, it is likely that costs in this service area will be up by this amount (\$42,000) but it is anticipated that this will be offset by additional income by the end of the financial year.

Item 15 – Unbudgeted expenses for water meter maintenance:

This increase is mostly attributable to wage and internal plant hire costs. It has arisen due to more water meters being replaced than was originally budgeted (nearly double the average of the past

four years). The outcome of the replacements is more accurate water meter readings and therefore increased revenue for the Water Fund.

Item 16 – Unbudgeted water treatment plant maintenance expenditure:

This increase relates mostly to water treatment material costs being above the budget estimate, bringing this cost in line with costs in 2019. Originally, material costs had been budgeted to cost \$155,000 but were subsequently reduced to \$135,000 and then \$100,000 as budget saving measures.

CONCLUSION:

12. The Council's projected financial position at 30 June 2022 is likely to be satisfactory at year end, having regard to the projected estimates of income and expenditure, current trends and the original budgeted income and expenditure.

COUNCIL IMPLICATIONS:

13. Community Engagement/ Communication

Report of budget reviews to the Council's ordinary meeting.

14. Policy and Regulation

- Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)
- Local Government Regulations (General) 2005 (NSW)
- o Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting
- o Australian Accounting Standards

15. Financial (LTFP)

This report is a review of the annual budget up to the end of the third quarter. Changes to the budget are as outlined in the attached statements.

16. Asset Management (AMS)

N/A

17. Workforce (WMS)

N/A

18. Legal and Risk Management

Council is required by legislation (clause 203 of the Regulations) to prepare quarterly budget review statements for the first three quarters of each year, including an opinion by the Responsible Accounting Officer as to whether the financial position of the Council is considered to be satisfactory.

Corporate Governance – the third quarter budget complies with legislative requirements. This risk is assessed as *low*.

Financial Management – the third quarter budget shows a result that is below the original budget adopted by Council in June 2021 which may require remedial action if expenditure savings or income increases are not identified. Currently this risk is assessed as *high*.

19. Performance Measures

One of required three budget reviews.

20. Project Management

N/A

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Uralla Shire Council Quarterly Budget Review Statement For the Quarter ended 31 March, 2022

Report by Responsible Accounting Officer

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

It is my opinion that the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for Uralla Shire Council for the quarter ended 31 March, 2022 indicates that Council's projected financial position at 30 June, 2022 will be satisfactory at year end, having regard to the projected estimates of income and expenditure and the original budgeted income and expenditure.

Signed:

Simon Paul Responsible Accounting Officer

Income & Expenses Budget Review Statement Consolidated by Fund Budget review for the quarter ended 31 March, 2022

	Original	Variations	Revised	Variations	lotes Projected	Actual	
(\$000's)	Budget	Dec	Budget	from this	Year End	YTD	
	2021/2022	QBRS	Dec-21	QBRS	Result	Mar-22	
Income							
General Fund	17,846	(97)	19,777	(784)	18,993	17,553	92%
McMaugh Gardens	3,340	136	3,476	-	3,476	2,012	58%
Water Supplies	2,536	-	2,536	(1,137)	1,399	1,004	72%
Sewer Services	2,975	929	3,904	-	3,904	3,018	77%
Total Income from Continuing Operations	26,696	968	29,692	(1,921)	27,771	23,586	85%
Expenses							
General Fund	17,033	766	17,838	(262)	17,577	13,040	74%
McMaugh Gardens	3,146	-	3,146	-	3,146	2,386	76%
Water Supplies	1,664	14	1,678	(146)	1,532	1,145	75%
Sewer Services	742	6	748	-	748	561	75%
Total Expenses from Continuing Operations	22,585	786	23,410	(408)	23,003	17,132	74%
Net Operating Result from Continuing Operations	4,111	182	6,282	(1,514)	4,768	6,454	
Discontinued Operations			-		-		
Net Operating Result from Continuing Operations	4,111	182	6,282	(1,514)	4,768	6,454	
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Capital grants and contributions	5,937	486	8,451	(1,655)	6,796	6,392	
Net Operating Result before Capital Grants	(1,826)	(304)	(2,169)	142	(2,028)	62	
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Income & Expenses Budget Review Statement Consolidated by Activity Budget review for the quarter ended 31 March, 2022

(\$000's)	Original Budget	Variations Dec	Revised Budget	Variations from this	Notes Projected Year End	Actual YTD	
	2021/2022	QBRS	Dec-21	QBRS	Result	Mar-22	
Income							
Organisational Services	5,921	42	5,963	-	5,963	4,889	82%
Community & Culture	6,913	455	7,368	(66)	7,302	5,687	78%
Infrastructure & Development	8,351	(458)	9,921	(718)	9,203	8,989	98%
Water Supplies	2,536	-	2,536	(1,137)	1,399	1,004	72%
Sewer Services	2,975	929	3,904	-	3,904	3,018	77%
Total Income from Continuing Operations	26,696	968	29,692	(1,921)	27,771	23,586	85%
Expenses							
Organisational Services	1,469	106	1,578	(182)	1,396	911	65%
Community & Culture	7,279	238	7,517	(22)	7,495	5,597	75%
Infrastructure & Development	11,432	422	11,890	(58)	11,832	8,918	75%
Water Supplies	1,664	14	1,678	(146)	1,532	1,145	75%
Sewer Services	742	6	748	-	748	561	75%
Total Expenses from Continuing Operations	22,585	786	23,410	(408)	23,003	17,132	74%
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Net Operating Result before Capital Grants	(1,826)	(304)	(2,169)	142	(2,028)	62	

Income & Expenses Budget Review Statement Recommended changes to revised budget Budget review for the quarter ended 31 March, 2022

Budget Variations include the following material items:

Notes	Amount \$1,513,500	Details
1		
	(268,000)	Savings on vacant positions and unutilised wages expenditure
2	(27 000)	Savings on budgeted professional services not required
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4	(12,000)	Reduction in expenditure on community grants and events which haven't taken place
	(9,000)	Additional funding received for Australia Day and Summer Nights Funding
5	(40,000)	Reduced expenditure on administration of plant operations
6	(20,000)	Expected reduction in expenditure on external certifier
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8	(200,000)	Integrated Water Cycle Management (IWCM) work not undertaken
9	15,000	Reduction in tourism income due to VIC closure and COVID impacts
9	60,000	Impact of COVID on TCT income resulting in significantly reduced number of trips provided
10	20 000	Expected decrease in fuel tax credit refunds due to changes to FTC
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12	15,000	Acquisition of procurement framework templates
	20,000	Unbudgeted costs for water supply at depot
13	22,500	GIS software license
14		
15	42,000	Projected expenditure on waste facility leachate monitoring
	15,000	Unbudgeted expenses for water meter maintenance
16	45,000	Unbudgeted water treatment plant maintenance expenditure
17		
18	180,000	Reduction in grant income as a result of IWCM work not being undertaken
10	957,000	Reduction in expected income for Groundwater project, expected to be received in 2023
19	428,000	Reduction in recognition of grant income for Hawthorne Drive works (to be restricted)

Capital Budget Review Statement Budget review for the quarter ended 31 March, 2022 Capital Budget - Consolidated by Fund

	Original	Variations		Revised	Variations Note	s Projected	Actual
(\$000's)	Budget 2021/2022	Dec QBRS	Mar QBRS	Budget Dec-21	from this QBRS	Year End Result	YTD figures
Capital Expenditure							-
- General	6,882	(379)	-	8,531	(915)	7,616	3,237.82
- McMaugh Gardens	50	136	-	186	-	186	17
- Water	1,989	-	-	1,989	(1,646)	343	93
- Sewer	3,265	2,124	-	5,389	(310)	5,079	4,687
Total Capital Expenditure	12,186	1,881	-	16,095	(2,871)	13,224	8,036
Capital Funding							
Consolidated Fund Income	2,473	200	-	2,673	(217)	2,456	(3,137)
Unrestricted Cash Reserves			-	-		-	
Capital Grants & Contributions	5,937	486	-	8,451	(1,655)	6,796	6,392
Loan Funds	-		-	-	-	-	-
Receipts from Sale of Assets	-		-	-	-	-	-
Reserves:				-			
- Developer Contributions			-	-		-	
- General Restricted Assets	1,732		-	1,732		1,732	-
 Water & Sewer Restricted Assets 	1,994	1,195	-	3,189	(999)	2,190	4,780
 McMaugh Gardens Restricted Assets 	50		-	50		50	
Total Capital Funding	12,186	1,881	-	16,095	(2,871)	13,224	8,036
Net Capital Funding	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Capital Budget Review Statement Budget review for the quarter ended 31 March, 2022 Capital Budget - Consolidated by Activity

(\$0000)	Original	Variations	Revised Budget	Variations	Notes Projected	Actual
(\$000's)	Budget 2021/2022	Dec QBRS	Budget Dec-21	from this QBRS	Year End Result	YTD figures
Capital Expenditure						U
Organisational Services	81	-	81	(66)	15	11
Community & Culture	90	176	266	-	266	17
Infrastructure & Development	6,761	(419)	8,370	(849)	7,521	3,227
Water Supplies	1,989	-	1,989	(1,646)	343	93
Sewer Services	3,265	2,124	5,389	(310)	5,079	4,687
Total Capital Expenditure	12,186	1,881	16,095	(2,871)	13,224	8,036
Capital Funding	o /=o				0.450	
Consolidated Fund Income	2,473	200	2,673	(217)	2,456	(3,137)
Unrestricted Cash Reserves		-	-	-	-	
Capital Grants & Contributions	5,937	486	8,451	(1,655)	6,796	6,392
Loan Funds	-		-	-	-	
Receipts from Sale of Assets	-		-	-	-	-
Reserves:						
 Developer Contributions 	-		-	-	-	
 General Restricted Assets 	1,732		1,732	-	1,732	-
 Water & Sewer Restricted Assets 	1,994	1,195	3,189	(999)	2,190	4,780
 McMaugh Gardens Restricted Assets 	50	-	50	-	50	-
Total Capital Funding	12,186	1,881	16,095	(2,871)	13,224	8,036
Net Capital Funding	-	-	-	(0)	(0)	-

Capital Budget Review Statement Recommended changes to revised budget Budget review for the quarter ended 31 March, 2022

Budget Variations being recommended include the following material items:

Note		Amount 2,870,750	Details
1		(66,000)	Reduction in acquisition of IT equipment
2		(428,000)	Reduction in expenditure on Hawthorne Drive Stage 2 in 2022
3		(270,000)	Works on Uralla Courthouse project to be carried to 2023 financial year
4		(157,000)	Reduction in expected expenditure on Public Spaces Legacy Program projects
5	(1	,158,220)	Revised projection for expenditure on Uralla Groundwater project for 2022
6	-\$	487,530	Water fund capital works not expected to proceed in 2022
7	-\$	310,000	Sewer fund capital works not expected to proceed in 2022
8	\$	6,000	Additional funds required for keyless access system acquisition
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Key Performance Indicators Statement Budget review for the quarter ended 31 March, 2022

LTFP KPI's	Target	30/06/2022	30/06/2021	30/06/2020	30/06/2019
Operating ratio	>0	-9.67%	-8.92%	-2.40%	-0.09%
Debt service ratio	>2.0x	10.32	11.26	10.92	11.43
Own source operating revenue ratio	>60%	57%	55.42%	63.98%	70.03%
Rates & charges outstanding %	<6.5%	4.23%	9.00%	11.76%	7.37%
Asset renewals ratio	>100%	112%	79.31%	122%	95%

Quarterly Budget Review Statement For the period 01 July, 2021 to 30 June, 2022

Contracts Budget Review Statement Budget review for the quarter ended 31 March, 2022 Part A - Contracts Listing

Contractor	Contract detail & purpose	Contract Value \$	Start Date	Duration of Contract	Budgeted Notes (Y/N)
Stabilcorp	Heavy patching Kingstown Road	201,067	April 2022	1 month	Y
Stabilcorp	Rehabilitation Barbados corner of Bundarra Road	400,010	April 2022	2 months	Y
Stabilcorp	Heavy patching: Arading, Kliendienst and Kingstown Roads	644,982	May 2022	1 month	Y

Notes:

1.Only contracts that were entered into during the quarter and remain incomplete are included.

2. Minimum reporting level is \$50,000.

3. Contracts listed exclude contractors on Council's Preferred Supplier list.

4. Contracts for employment are not required to be included.

Part B - Consultancy & Legal Expenses Overview

Expense		Bugeted (Y/N)	
Consultancies	\$	126,251	Y
Legal Fees	\$	12,874	Y

Note: 1. All consultancy amounts were included in the 2020/21 budget except for items adjusted in this QBRS.

Definition of a consultant:

A consultant is a person or organisation 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.

Comments

Expenditure included in the above YTD figure but not budgeted includes: **Details**

Quarterly Budget Review Statement For the period 01 July, 2021 to 30 June, 2022

Cash & Investments Budget Review Statement Budget review for the quarter ended 31 March, 2022

Comment on Cash & Investments Position

No material variations to Council's Cash and Investments have occurred in the third quarter.

Investments

Investments have been made in accordance with Council's Investment Policy.

<u>Cash</u>

The value of cash at bank which was included in the Cash & Investment Statement totals \$750,280.

This Cash at Bank amount has been reconciled to Council's physical Bank Statements. The date of completion of this reconciliation was 01 April, 2022.

Reconciliation Status

The YTD Cash & Investment figure reconciles to the actual balances held as follows:

Cash at Bank (as per bank statements) Investments on Hand		750,280 16,265,838
less: Unpresented Cheques	(Timing Difference)	-
add: Undeposited Funds	(Timing Difference)	-
less: Identified Deposits (not yet accounted in Ledger) add: Identified Outflows (not yet accounted in Ledger)	(Require Actioning) (Require Actioning)	-
Reconciled Cash at Bank & Investments		17,016,118
Balance as per Review Statement:		17,016,117

- 9. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS
- **10.** COMMUNICATION OF COUNCIL DECISIONS
- **11.** CONCLUSION OF MEETING

END OF BUSINESS AGENDA FOR EXTRAORDINARY MEETING