



MINUTES

Special Council Meeting

29 August 2019

Held in the Council Chambers, Hack St Sandstone

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**AGENDA and STAFF REPORTS
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SANDSTONE ON 29 AUGUST 2019**

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF ANY VISITORS

The Presiding Member, Cr Beth Walton (Shire President) declared the Meeting open at 1.34pm.

**2 ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PRESIDING MEMBER AND/OR COUNCILLORS
(without discussion unless otherwise determined)**

Nil

3 ATTENDANCE

3.1 Present

Elected Members

Cr B (Bethel) Walton	Shire President
Cr C (Carol) Hodshon	Deputy Shire President
Cr F (Freda) May	
Cr D (David) Lefroy	
Cr V (Victoria) McQuie	
Cr K (Kerry) Key	

Staff Members

Mr Harry Hawkins	Chief Executive Officer
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3.2 Apologies

Nil

3.3 Approved Leave of Absence

Nil

6 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

6.1 Declarations of Financial Interest

6.2 Declarations of Proximity Interest

6.3 Declarations of Indirect Financial Interest

6.4 Declarations of Impartiality Interest

7 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

10 OFFICERS REPORTS

10.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORTS

10.1.1 Adoption of Municipal Budget 2019-2020

Agenda Reference: SP 08/19 – 01
Location/Address: Shire of Sandstone
Name of Applicant: Shire of Sandstone
Disclosure of Interest: Nil
Date of Report: 26/08/2019
Author: Harry Hawkins Chief Executive Officer

Summary

Shire of Sandstone is to adopt its Municipal Budget for the 2019/2020 financial year by the 31st August 2019. The statutory budget as attached is presented to Council for adoption along with a copy of the detailed operating budget, capital budget, and Fees and Charges Schedule.

Attachments

Statutory Budget 2019-2020
Ministers Rates Approval Letter
Detailed Operating Budget
Detailed Capital Budget
Fees and Charges Schedule 2019-2020

Background

The budget for 2019-2020 has been compiled based on the principles contained within the Strategic Community Plan and other supporting plans including the Shire's Corporate Business Plan and the statutory budget has been prepared from the draft budget accepted by Council at its July 2019 meeting.

The differential rates for 2019-2020 have received approval by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries with the Minister's delegation as per the attached letter.

Comment

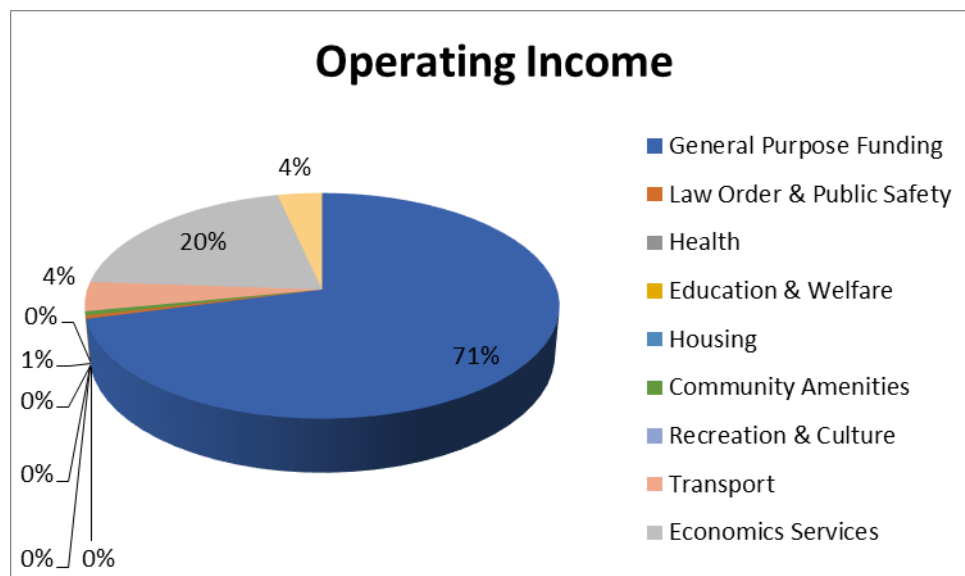
The statutory budget has been prepared to include information required by the *Local Government Act 1995*, the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* and the Australian Accounting Standards.

The Shire's budget includes operating income of \$3,050,810 with capital income of \$1,263,333 which includes \$743,000 transferred from reserves and \$220,333 from the Regional Road Group road project grant. A balanced budget is expected. The non-cash Depreciation expense is expected to be \$1,375,562.

An overview of the operating and capital income and expenditure follows:

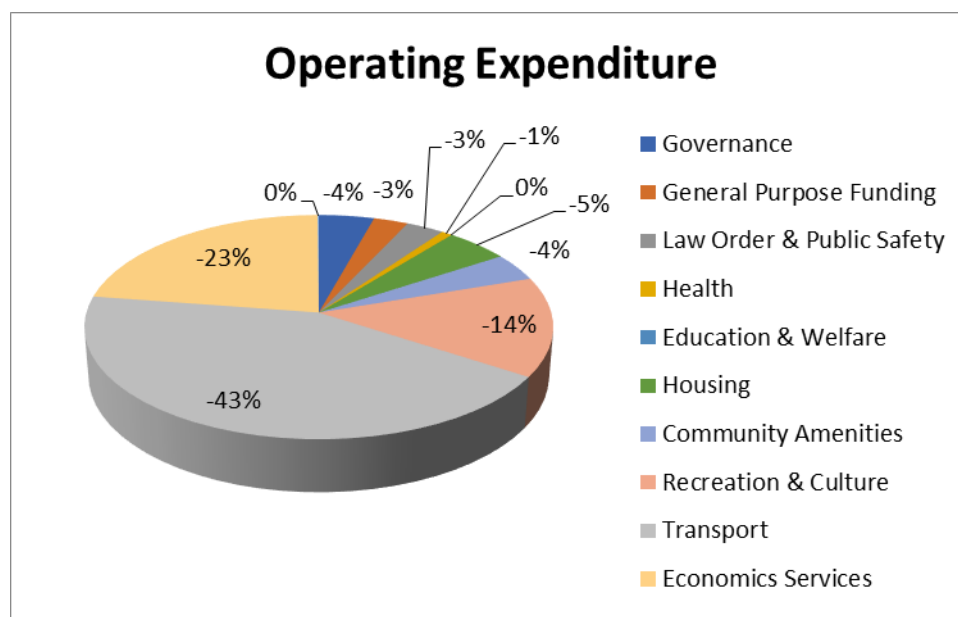
Operating Income/Expenditure

Operating income and expenditure represent the income and expenditure that is incurred on a day to day basis and for the first time in a number of years there is no WANDRRA funding for flood damage works included in income/expenditure.



The operating income for 2019-2020 is \$3,050,810. It can be seen from the above chart that the Shire's key sources of operating income include the funds received as part of the Economic Services Program (20% or \$622,174) and funds received as part of the General Purpose Program (71% or \$2,162,813).

The General Purpose Program income includes \$975,882 from rates raised and \$1,025,481 from Financial Assistance Grants, which is Commonwealth funding. 50% of Financial Assistance Grants for 2019-2020 were received in advance and were included as income for the 2018-2019 year.



The Shire's operating expenditure will be \$4,456,240. The key areas of expenditure are the Transport Program (43% or \$1,929,742), Economic Services (23% or \$1,006,052), Recreation and Culture Program (14% or \$640,017), and the Housing Program (5% or \$221,702). The cost of the Governance Program Council support is (4% or \$120,441).

Capital Income/Expenditure

Capital Income

Capital income totals \$1,263,333 with \$220,333 from Regional Road Group project grant and \$300,000 from Roads to Recovery grant plus \$743,000 from the Shire's Plant Replacement reserve.

Capital Expenditure

Capital expenditure is expected to be \$2,385,969 including \$1,157,244 for the Transport Program (Road Works), \$743,000 for net Plant Replacement, \$60,000 for the new Heritage Park, \$30,000 for painting the outside and new blinds for the hall, \$50,000 for the Economic Services Program (Improvements at the Old School Site), and \$6,000 for Community Amenities (Improving the signage at the Cemetery).

Fees and Charges

Fees and Charges for 2019/2020 are attached for adoption as a part of the budget.

Consultation

- Works Supervisor
- Other Staff
- External Consultants

Statutory Environment

Section 6.2 of the *Local Government Act 1995* requires that not later than 31 August in each financial year each local government is to prepare and adopt by absolute majority a budget for the financial year ending on the following 30 June.

Divisions 5 and 6 of the Local Government Act 1995 refer to the setting of the budget and raising of rates and charges. The Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 detail the form and content of the budget.

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Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

As per the attached budget

Strategic Implications

Nil

Voting Requirements

Absolute Majority

RESOLUTION: SP1/19

MOVED: Cr McQuie

SECONDED: Cr May

That Council

pursuant to the provisions of Section 6.2 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and Part 3 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, adopts the Statutory Budget for 2019-2020 financial year as attached which includes the following:

1. Differential Rates as approved by the Minister with the following rates in the \$;

Townsite GRV	\$0.065760
GRV Transient Workforce Accom.	\$0.371954
UV Rural	\$0.060877
UV Mining	\$0.268911
Minimum Rates GRV	\$220
UV	\$335
2. Fees and Charges for 2019-2020 as per the attached schedule.
3. In accordance with regulation 34(5) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, and AASB 1031 Materiality, sets the level to be used in statements of financial activity in 2019-2020 for reporting material variances at 10% or \$10,000, whichever is the greater.
4. Noting that corrections are required to members Fees and Reallocation accounts however these will be undertaken as a part of the 6 monthly budget review.

CARRIED/NOT CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY (6/0)

14 MEETING ITEMS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC**14.1 Meeting Closed to the Public**

Nil

14.2 Public Reading of Resolutions to be made Public

Nil

TIME and DATE of NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 26 September 2019
At 11.00am

15 CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the Shire President closed the meeting at 2.04pm.