6.0 FINANCIAL POSITION

6.1 FINANCIAL REPORT

This report shows how Council performed financially during the 2013/2014 financial year. It also provides the overall financial position of Council as at 30 June 2014.

Latrobe City Council presents this Finance Report in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards, the Local Government Act 1989, the Local Government (Finance and Reporting) Regulations 2004. As the Council is a not-for-profit organisation, some terms used in the private sector are not appropriate for use with these statements.

Introduction

The Finance Report contains the following three sets of statements;

- Financial Statements
- Standard Statements
- Performance Statement

The statements and notes to the accounts are prepared by the Council's Finance Unit, audited by the Victorian Auditor General and examined by the Audit Committee and Council.



Financial Statements

COMPREHENSIVE INCOME STATEMENT

The Comprehensive Income Statement shows:

- Revenue sources by income category;
- Expenses relating to Council operations, not including costs associated with capital purchases, construction and asset renewal. While capital expenditure costs are not shown, asset depreciation and amortisation is included.
- other comprehensive income items (e.g Asset Revaluation Reserve increments/decrements).

The key figure in this statement is the surplus or deficit for the year. A surplus indicates that revenue exceeded expenses.

BALANCE SHEET

The Balance Sheet is a summary of Council's financial position as at the 30 June 2014. It shows what Council owns as assets and what is owed in liabilities. Assets and liabilities are split into current and non-current items. Current items reflect those assets or liabilities that will fall due in the next 12 months. The 'Total Equity' line of this statement indicates the net worth of Council which has been accumulated over many years.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

The Statement of Cash Flows summarises Council's cash payments and cash receipts for the 2013/2014 financial year indicating the net increase or decrease in cash held by Latrobe City Council. Values in this statement represent 'cash-in-hand' and may vary from the Income Statement and Balance Sheet which are prepared on an accrual basis.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

This statement summarises the change in the net worth of Latrobe City Council. The net worth of Council can change as a result of:

- a surplus or deficit recorded in the Income Statement;
- use of money from Council reserves;
- an increase or decrease in the value of non-current assets based on revaluation of assets.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

These notes provide detailed information to assist understanding of the financial statements including statement preparation procedures, significant Council accounting policies, and many summary figures underlying the values contained within the statements. Notes also provide information and detail that Council wishes to provide but cannot be included within the financial statements. Numbers associated with notes are shown beside the relevant items within the financial statements.

Standard Statements

Latrobe City Council is required to present audited Standard Statements of Income, Balance Sheet, Cash Flows and Capital Works in accordance with the Local Government Act (1989). Each standard statement reports the difference between actual results for the financial year and the adopted Council budget that was established at the start of the financial year. Any major differences between the financial statements and the standard statements are explained within the notes.

These standard statements reflect the Financial Statements with the addition of the capital works statement. The Statement of Capital Works provides details of Council expenditure on creating, purchasing, renewing and upgrading property, infrastructure, plant and equipment by asset category.

Performance Statement

The Performance Statement reports on the performance against the Key Strategic Activities identified in the 2013/2014 adopted Council budget. Section 127 of the Local Government Act 1989 requires identification of key activities that will be pursued in support of the Strategic Objectives.

The Performance Statement reports on the outcome of these performance measures. The reported result is reviewed by the external auditors, with supporting evidence and data scrutinised to ensure accuracy of performance reporting.

Certification Reports

Certification of the Principal Accounting Officer is made by the Latrobe City Council Manager Finance who is responsible for the financial management of Council. The report certifies that in their opinion, the financial statements have met all statutory and professional reporting requirements.

Certification is also required by the Latrobe City Council Chief Executive Officer, and two Councillors on behalf of Council. Their reports certify that in their opinion, the financial statements are fair and not misleading.

Auditor General Report

The Independent Audit Report presents an external professional opinion on the financial statements. The report provides confirmation that the Finance Report has been prepared to comply with relevant legislation and professional standards, and provides a fair representation of Council finances.

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6.3 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Comprehensive Income Statement for the year ended 30 June 2014

	NOTE	2014	2013
	INOTL	\$'000s	\$'000s
INCOME			
Rates	2	66,355	62,637
Grants - Operating (recurrent)	3	16,909	21,860
Grants - Operating (non-recurrent)	3	4,056	3,746
Grants - Capital (recurrent)	3	1,175	1,689
Grants - Capital (non-recurrent)	3	5,802	2,749
User Charges	4	16,203	14,759
Other Income	5	4,222	4,479
Developer Cash Contributions	6	36	665
Developer Contributed Assets	7	4,578	2,150
Recognition of Previously Unrecognised Assets	19(a)	-	407
Total Income		119,336	115,141
EXPENSES			
Employee Costs	8	(49,900)	(46,563)
Materials & Services	9	(32,686)	(33,768)
Bad and Doubtful Debts	10	(8)	(4)
Depreciation and Amortisation	11	(22,196)	(20,004)
Finance Costs	12	(1,211)	(1,086)
Other Expenditure	13	(5,151)	(4,164)
Net loss on disposal of property, infrastructure, plant and equipment	19(b)	(533)	(28)
Total Expenses		(111,683)	(105,618)
SURPLUS		7,653	9,523
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME			
Net Asset Revaluation increment	19(a)/25(a)	866	91,459
Reversal of Impairment losses on Revalued Assets	19(a)/25(a)	-	61
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE RESULT		8,519	101,043

The above statement should be read with the accompanying notes

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Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2014

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	NOTE	2014	2013
		\$'000s	\$'000s
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	14	42,632	27,663
Prepayments	15	293	207
Trade and Other Receivables	16	8,962	6,293
Financial Assets	17	3,310	19,500
Total Current Assets		55,198	53,662
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Trade and Other Receivables	16	17	26
Financial Assets	17	2	2
Property, Infrastructure, Plant and Equipment	19	1,036,036	1,029,689
Intangible Assets	20	239	261
Total Non-Current Assets		1,036,294	1,029,979
TOTAL ASSETS		1,091,492	1,083,641
CURRENT LIABILITES			
Trade and Other Payables	21	10,942	16,695
Interest-bearing Liabilities	22	10,823	2,959
Provisions	23	12,935	12,492
Trust Funds and Deposits	24	2,214	2,043
Total Current Liabilities		36,914	34,188
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Interest-bearing Liabilities	22	8,828	11,427
Provisions	23	14,998	15,794
Total Non-Current Liabilities		23,827	27,221
TOTAL LIABILITIES		60,740	61,409
		00,740	01,409
NET ASSETS		1,030,751	1,022,232
EQUITY			
Accumulated Surplus		628,307	620,526
Reserves	25	402,445	401,706
TOTAL EQUITY		1,030,751	1,022,232

The above statement should be read with the accompanying notes

Statement of Changes in Equity for the year ended 30 June 2014

	NOTE	TOTAL	ACCUMULATED SURPLUS	ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE	OTHER RESERVES
		\$'000s	\$'000s	\$'000s	\$'000s
Equity at beginning of year		1,022,232	620,526	399,253	2,453
Surplus for the period		7,653	7,653	-	-
Net Asset Revaluation Increment	25(a)	866	-	866	-
Transfers to Other Reserves	25(b)	-	(36)	-	36
Transfers for Other Reserves	25(b)	-	164	-	(164)
Balance at end of the financial year		1,030,751	628,307	400,119	2,325

The above statement should be read with the accompanying notes

Statement of Changes in Equity for the year ended 30 June 2013

	NOTE	TOTAL	ACCUMULATED SURPLUS	ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE	OTHER RESERVES
		\$'000s	\$'000s	\$'000s	\$'000s
Equity at beginning of year		921,188	611,558	307,732	1,898
Surplus for the period		9,523	9,523	-	-
Net Asset Revaluation Increment	25(a)	91,459	-	91,459	-
Transfers to Other Reserves	25(b)	-	(665)	-	665
Transfers for Other Reserves	25(b)	-	110	-	(110)
Reversal of Impairment losses on Revalue Assets	ed	61	-	61	-
Balance at end of the financial year	•	1,022,232	620,526	399,253	2,453

The above statement should be read with the accompanying notes

Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 30 June 2014

	NOTE	2014	2013
	INCIE	\$'000s	\$'000s
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from ratepayers		65,560	62,471
Government Grants (inclusive of GST)		27,793	30,458
Interest received		1,739	1,773
User charges, fines and fees (inclusive of GST)		16,973	15,496
Developer Contributions		36	665
Other Receipts		1,581	4,095
Payments to Employees		(49,289)	(46,008)
Payments to Suppliers (inclusive of GST)		(46,130)	(37,125)
Net Cash provided by Operating Activities	32	18,263	31,824
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Payments for property, infrastructure, plant and equipment		(24,108)	(24,286)
Proceeds from sale of property, infrastructure, plant and equipment	19(b)	570	828
Net movement in Financial Assets		16,190	(5,190)
Net Cash used in Investing Activities		(7,348)	(28,648)
CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Finance Costs		(1,211)	(1,086)
Loan Funds		8,970	1,000
Repayment of Borrowings		(3,705)	(3,150)
Net Cash used in Financing Activities		4,054	(3,237)
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents		14,970	(60)
Cash and Cash Equivalents at beginning of the Financial Year		27,663	27,723
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the end of the Financial Year	14	42,632	27,663

The above statement should be read with the accompanying notes

6.4 NOTES to the financial statements

Introduction

The Latrobe City Council was established by an Order of the Governor in Council on 2 December 1994 and is a body corporate. The Council's main office is located at 141 Commercial Road Morwell 3840.

Latrobe City Council's mission is to provide the best possible facilities, services, advocacy and leadership for Latrobe City, one of Victoria's four major regional cities. Our values are:

- Providing affordable people focussed community services;
- Planning strategically and acting responsibly, in the best interests of the whole community;
- Accountability, transparency and honesty;
- Listening to and working with the community;
- Respect, fairness and equity;
- Open to and embracing new opportunities.

These financial statements are general purpose financial statements that consist of a Comprehensive Income Statement, Balance Sheet, Statement of Changes in Equity, Statement of Cash Flows and notes accompanying these financial statements. The general purpose financial statements comply with Australian Accounting Standards, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board, the Local Government Act 1989 and the Local Government (Financial and Reporting) Regulations 2004.

NOTE 1 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of accounting

This financial report has been prepared on an accrual basis and going concern basis.

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except where specifically stated in notes 1(h).

Unless otherwise stated, all accounting policies are consistent with those applied in the prior year. Where appropriate, comparative figures have been amended to accord with current presentation, and disclosure has been made of any material changes to comparatives.

All entities controlled by Council that have material assets or liabilities, such as Special Committees of Management, have been included in this financial report. All transactions between these entities and the Council have been eliminated in full. The Yallourn North Housing Committee is not included in this financial report based on their materiality.

(b) Change in accounting policies

AASB 13 Fair Value Measurements

Council has applied AASB 13 for the first time in the current year. AASB 13 establishes a single source of guidance for fair value measurements. The fair value measurement requirements of AASB 13 apply to both financial instrument items and non-financial instrument items for which other A-IFRS require or permit fair value measurements and disclosures about fair value measurements, except for share-based payment transactions that are within the scope of AASB 2 Share-based Payment, leasing transactions that are within the scope of AASB 17 Leases, and measurements that have some similarities to fair value but not fair value (e.g. net realisable value for the purposes of measuring inventories or value in use for impairment assessment purposes).

AASB 13 defines fair value as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction in the principal (or most advantageous) market at the measurement date under current market conditions. Fair value under AASB 13 is an exit price regardless of whether that price is directly observable or estimated using another valuation technique. Also, AASB 13 includes extensive disclosure requirements.

(b) Change in accounting policies (continued)

AASB 13 Fair Value Measurements (continued)

AASB 13 requires prospective application from 1 January 2013. In addition, specific transitional provisions were given to entities such that they need not apply the disclosure requirements set out in the Standard in comparative information provided for periods before the initial application of the Standard. In accordance with these transitional provisions, Council has not made any new disclosures required by AASB 13 for the 2013 comparative period (please see note 19).

Other than the additional disclosures, the application of AASB 13 has not had any material impact on the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

All assets and liabilities for which fair value is measured or disclosed in the financial statements are categorised within the fair value hierarchy, described as follows, based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement as a whole:

Level 1 — Quoted (unadjusted) market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities Level 2 — Valuation techniques for which the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement is directly or indirectly observable; and

Level 3 — Valuation techniques for which the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement is unobservable.

For the purpose of fair value disclosures, Council has determined classes of assets and liabilities on the basis of the nature, characteristics and risks of the asset or liability and the level of the fair value hierarchy as explained above.

In addition, Council determines whether transfers have occurred between levels in the hierarchy by reassessing categorisation (based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement as a whole) at the end of each reporting period.

AASB 119 Employee Benefits

In the current year, Council has applied AASB 119 Employee Benefits (as revised in 2011) and the related consequential amendments for the first time. AASB 119 changes the definition of short-term employee benefits. These were previously benefits that were due to be settled within twelve months after the end of the reporting period in which the employees render the related service, however, short-term employee benefits are now defined as benefits expected to be settled wholly before twelve months after the end of the reporting period in which the employees render the related service. As a result, accrued annual leave balances which were previously classified by Council as short-term benefits no longer meet this definition and are now classified as long-term benefits. This has resulted in a change of measurement for that portion of annual leave provision from an undiscounted to discounted basis

This change in classification has not materially altered Councils measurement of the annual leave provision

(c) Revenue Recognition

Rates, grants and contributions

Rates, grants, donations and contributions (including developer contributions), are recognised as revenues when the Council obtains control over the assets comprising these receipts.

Control over assets acquired from rates is obtained at the commencement of the rating year as it is an enforceable debt linked to the rateable property or, where earlier, upon receipt of the rates.

A provision for doubtful debts on rates has not been established as unpaid rates represent a charge against the rateable property that will be recovered when the property is next sold.

Control over granted assets is normally obtained upon their receipt (or acquittal) or upon earlier notification that a grant has been secured, and are valued at their fair value at the date of transfer.

Income is recognised when the Council obtains control of the contribution or the right to receive the contribution, it is probable that the economic benefits comprising the contribution will flow to the Council and the amount of the contribution can be measured reliably.

Where grants or contributions recognised as revenues during the financial year were obtained on condition that they be expended in a particular manner or used over a particular period and those conditions were undischarged at balance date, the unused grant or contribution is disclosed in note 3. The note also discloses the amount of unused grant or contribution from prior years that was expended on Council's operations during the current year.

A liability is recognised in respect of revenue that is reciprocal in nature to the extent that the requisite service has not been provided at balance date.

User Fees and Fines

User fees and fines (including parking fees and fines) are recognised as revenue when the service has been provided, the payment is received, or when the penalty has been applied, whichever first occurs.

A provision for doubtful debts is recognised when collection in full is no longer probable.

Sale of property, plant and equipment

The profit or loss on the sale of an asset is determined when control of the asset has irrevocably passed to the buyer.

Rental

Rentals are recognised as revenue when the payment is due, or the payment is received, whichever first occurs.

Interest

Interest is recognised as it is earned.

(d) Trade and other Receivables

Rate Debtors

Rates are carried at amortised cost plus interest and are secured by a charge over the ratepayer's property. A provision for doubtful rate debtors is not required due to the Council's extensive legal powers for recovery, unless the value of the specific property involved is less than the outstanding debt.

Other Debtors

Other debtors represent amounts due to Council for the provision of services, advances and accrued income. The carrying amount of non-rate debtors (including any loans made) has been assessed for recovery at year end and provision made for doubtful debts as deemed necessary. Recoverability of debtors is reviewed on an ongoing basis throughout the course of each financial year and debts which are known to be uncollectable are written off.

(e) Depreciation and amortisation of property, plant and equipment, infrastructure and intangibles

Buildings, plant and equipment, infrastructure and other assets having limited useful lives are systematically depreciated over their useful lives to the Council in a manner which reflects consumption of the service potential embodied in those assets. Estimates of remaining useful lives and residual values are made on a regular basis with major asset classes reassessed annually. Depreciation rates and methods are reviewed annually.

Where assets have separate identifiable components that are subject to regular replacement, these components are assigned distinct useful lives and residual values and a separate depreciation rate is determined for each component.

Land, Land Under Roads and Road earthworks are not depreciated on the basis that they are assessed as not having a limited useful life.

Artworks are not depreciated.

Straight line depreciation is charged based on the residual useful life as determined each year.

Major Depreciation periods used are listed below and are consistent with the prior year unless otherwise stated:

ASSET CATEGORY	DEPRECIATION/AMORTISATION USEFUL LIFE (YEARS) 2014
Building & Improvements	30 – 50
Furniture & Equipment	5 -10
Plant & Equipment	5
Drainage Works	50 – 70
Roads & Streets	7 – 73
Bridges	75
Playgrounds	11
Landfill Improvements	2 - 31
Intangible Assets - Software	5

Various sub-categories of furniture and equipment, plant and equipment, car parks and roads have different estimated useful lives and therefore attract different depreciation rates.

Assets are depreciated from the date of acquisition or, in respect of internally constructed assets, from the date they are completed and held ready for use.

(f) Repairs and maintenance

Routine maintenance, repair costs and minor renewal costs are expensed as incurred. Where the repair relates to the replacement of a component of an asset and the cost exceeds the capitalisation threshold the cost is capitalised and depreciated. The carrying value of the replaced asset is expensed.

(g) Finance Costs

Finance costs are recognised as an expense in the period in which they are incurred.

(h) Recognition and Measurement of Assets

Acquisition

The purchase method of accounting is used for all acquisitions of assets, being the fair value of assets provided as consideration at the date of acquisition plus any incidental costs attributable to the acquisition. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

Where assets are constructed by Council, cost includes all materials used in construction, any direct labour and an appropriate share of directly attributable variable and fixed overheads.

Capitalisation Thresholds

Capitalisation thresholds for all classes of assets, with the exception of Land, are as shown below which are consistent with prior year unless otherwise stated. Land including Land Under Roads has no capitalisation threshold.

ASSET TYPE	THRESHOLD \$
Property Buildings & Improvements	10,000
Plant and Equipment	10,000
Furniture & Equipment	1,000
Plant and Equipment	1,000
Art Works Collection	500
Infrastructure	
Drainage Works	10,000
Roads & Streets	10,000
Bridges	10,000
Playgrounds	5,000
Intangibles	
Software	5,000

Revaluation

Subsequent to the initial recognition of assets, non-current physical assets, other than plant and equipment and office furniture and equipment are measured at fair value, being the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. At balance date, the Council reviewed the carrying value of the individual classes of assets within land and buildings and infrastructure assets to ensure that each asset materially approximates its fair value. Where the carrying value materially differs from the fair value the class of asset is revalued.

Fair value valuations are determined in accordance with a valuation hierarchy. Changes to the valuation hierarchy will only occur if an external change in the restrictions or limitations of use on an asset result in changes to the permissible or practical highest and best use of the asset. More details about the valuation techniques and inputs used in determining the fair value of non-financial physical assets are discussed in Note 19 Property Plant and Equipment.

In addition, Council undertakes a formal revaluation of land, buildings, and infrastructure assets on a regular basis ranging from 3 to 5 years. The valuation is performed either by experienced council officers or independent experts.

Where the assets are revalued, the revaluation increments are credited directly to the asset revaluation except to the extent that an increment reverses a prior year decrement for that class of asset that had been recognised as an expense in which case the increment is recognised as revenue up to the amount of the expense. Revaluation decrements are recognised as an expense except where prior increments are included in the asset revaluation reserve for that class of asset in which case the decrement is taken to the reserve to extent of the remaining increments. Within the same class of assets, revaluation increments and decrements within the year are offset.

(h) Recognition and Measurement of Assets (continued)

Land under roads

Council recognises land under roads it controls at fair value. A revaluation is undertaken every 2 years.

(i) Cash and Cash Equivalents

For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits at call and other highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, net of outstanding bank overdrafts.

(j) Financial Assets

Term Deposits

Includes investments with original maturities of greater than three months.

(k) Investment

Investments are recognised and brought to account at their cost. Interest revenues are recognised as they accrue.

Trade and Other Payables

Creditors and other current liabilities are amounts due to external parties for the purchase of goods and services and are recognised as liabilities when the goods and services are received. Creditors are normally paid within 30 days after initial recognition. Interest is not payable on these liabilities.

(m) Deposits and Retentions

Amounts received as tender deposits and retention amounts controlled by Council are included in the financial statements as liabilities until they are returned or forfeited.

(n) Employee Costs

The calculation of employee benefits includes all relevant on-costs and are calculated as follows at reporting date.

Salaries and Wages

Liabilities for wages and salaries are measured as the amount unpaid at balance date. Entitlements include oncosts that are calculated using employee remuneration rates as at balance date.

Long Service Leave

Long Service Leave entitlements payable are assessed at balance date having regard to expected employee remuneration rates on settlement, employment related oncosts and other factors including accumulated years of employment, on settlement, and experience of employee departure per year of service.

Long Service Leave expected to be paid within 12 months is measured at nominal value based on the amount expected to be paid when settled.

Long Service Leave expected to be paid later than one year has been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for these accrued entitlements. Commonwealth Bond Rates are used for discounting future cash flows.

Annual Leave

Annual leave entitlements are accrued on a pro rata basis in respect of services provided by employees up to balance date.

Annual leave expected to be paid within 12 months is measured at nominal value, including appropriate oncosts, based on the amount expected to be paid when settled. Liabilities that are not expected to be wholly settled within 12 months of the reporting date are recognised in the provision for employee benefits as current liabilities, measured at present value of the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled using the remuneration rate expected to be applied at the time of settlement.

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(n) Employee Costs (continued)

Superannuation

The amount charged to the Comprehensive Income Statement in respect of superannuation represents contributions made or due by Latrobe City Council to the relevant superannuation plans in respect to the services of Latrobe City Council's staff (both past and present). Superannuation contributions are made to the plans based on the relevant rules of each plan and any relevant compulsory superannuation requirements that Latrobe City Council is required to comply with.

(o) Leases

All Council's leases are deemed to be "operating leases" as the lessor effectively retains substantially all of the risks and benefits incidental to ownership of the leased items. The related rentals are expensed as incurred. (refer to Note 28)

(p) Allocation between Current and Non-Current

In the determination of whether an asset or liability is current or non-current, consideration is given to the time when each asset or liability is expected to be settled. The asset or liability is classified as current if it is expected to be settled within the next twelve months, being the Council's operational cycle or if the Council does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement of a liability for at least 12 months after the reporting date.

(q) Agreements equally proportionately unperformed

The Council does not recognise assets and liabilities arising from agreements that are equally proportionately unperformed in the balance sheet. Such agreements are recognised on an 'as incurred' basis.

(r) Web site costs

Costs in relation to websites are charged as an expense in the period in which they are incurred.

(s) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Tax Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the balance sheet are shown inclusive of GST.

Cash flows are presented in the statement of cash flows on a gross basis, except for the GST component of investing and financing activities, which are disclosed as operating cash flows.

(t) Impairment of Assets

At each reporting date, the Council reviews the carrying value of its assets to determine whether there is any indication that these assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, is compared to the assets carrying value. Any excess of the assets carrying value over its recoverable amount is expensed to the comprehensive income statement, unless the asset is carried at the revalued amount in which case, the impairment loss is recognised directly against the revaluation surplus in respect of the same class of asset to the extent that the impairment loss does not exceed the amount in the revaluation surplus for that same class of asset.

(u) Rounding

Unless otherwise stated, amounts in the financial report have been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars. Figures in the financial statements may not equate due to rounding.

(v) Non-Current Assets Classified as Held for Sale

A non-current asset held for sale is measured at the lower of its carrying amount and fair value less costs to sell and are not subject to depreciation. Non current assets are treated as current and classified as held for sale if their carrying amount will be recovered through a sale transaction rather than through continuing use. This condition is regarded as met only when the sale is highly probable and the asset's sale is expected to be completed within 12 months from the date of classification.

(w) Contingent assets and contingent liabilities and commitments

Contingent assets and contingent liabilities are not recognised in the Balance Sheet, but are disclosed by way of a note and, if quantifiable, are measured at nominal value. Contingent assets and liabilities are presented inclusive of GST receivable or payable respectively.

Commitments are not recognised in the Balance Sheet. Commitments are disclosed at their nominal value by way of note and presented inclusive of the GST payable.

(x) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when Council has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events, where it is probable (more likely than not) that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation and the amount can be reliably measured.

(y) Landfill Improvements Provision

Under legislation Council is obligated to rehabilitate landfill sites to a particular standard. Current engineering projections indicate that all current landfill sites will cease operation in 2027/28. The forecast for life of the landfill site is based on current estimates of remaining capacity and the forecast rate of infill. The provision for landfill rehabilitation has been calculated based on the present value of the expected cost of works to be undertaken. The expected cost of works has been estimated based on current understanding of work required to restore the site to a suitable standard. Accordingly, the estimation of the provision required is dependent on the accuracy of the forecast timing of the work, work required and related costs.

(z) Pending Accounting Standards

The following Australian Accounting Standards have been issued or amended and are applicable to the Council but are not yet effective.

They have not been adopted in preparation of the financial statements at reporting date

PRONOUNCEMENT	SUMMARY	APPLICATION DATE	IMPACT ON COUNCIL
AASB 9 Financial Instruments	 AASB 9 standard is one of a series of amendments that are expected to eventually completely replace AASB 139. During 2010-11, the standard will be expanded to include new rules on measurement of financial liabilities and hedge accounting. Currently the existing provisions of AASB 139 will continue to apply in these areas. AASB 9 simplifies the classifications of financial assets into those to be carried at amortised cost and those to be carried at fair value – the 'available for sale' and 'held-to-maturity' categories no longer exists. AASB 9 also simplifies requirements for embedded derivatives and removes the tainting rules associated with held-to-maturity assets. The new categories of financial assets are: Amortised cost – those assets with 'basic' loan features'. Fair value through other comprehensive income – this treatment is optional for equity instruments not held for trading (this choice is made at initial recognition and is irrevocable). Fair Value through profit and Loss – everything that does not fall into the above two categories. The following changes also apply: Investments in unquoted equity instruments must be measured at fair value. However, cost may be the appropriate measure of fair value where there is insufficient more recent information available to determine a fair value. There is no longer any requirement to consider whether 'significant or prolonged' decline in the value of financial assets has occurred. The only impairment testing will be on those assets held at amortised cost, and all impairments will be eligible for reversal. 	1 July 2015	The impact is not likely to be extensive in the local government sector. Although it will vary considerably between entities. While the rules are less complex than those of AASB 139, the option to show equity instruments at cost has been largely removed, which is likely to lead to greater volatility within the income statement. However it may also lead to an improved financial position for some entities. This will also create a requirement to measure some instruments annually that has not previously existed.

(z) Pending Accounting Standards (continued)

PRONOUNCEMENT	SUMMARY	APPLICATION DATE	IMPACT ON COUNCIL
AASB 10 Consolidated Financial Statements	This Standard forms the basis for determining which entities should be consolidated into an entity's financial statements. AASB 10 defines 'control' as requiring exposure or rights to variable returns and the ability to affect those returns through power over an investee, which may broaden the concept of control for public sector entities. The AASB has issued an exposure draft ED 238 Consolidated Financial Statements – Australian Implementation Guidance for Not-for-Profit Entities that explains and illustrates how the principles in the Standard apply from the perspective of not-for-profit entities in the private and public sectors.	1 July 2014	The AASB have finalised deliberations on ED 238 and any modifications made to AASB 10 for not- for-profit entities, Council will need to re-assess the nature of its relationships with other entities, including those that are currently not consolidated.
AASB 11 Joint Arrangements	This Standard deals with the concept of joint control, and sets out a new principles-based approach for determining the type of joint arrangement that exists and the corresponding accounting treatment. The new categories of joint arrangements under AASB 11 are more aligned to the actual rights and obligations of the parties to the arrangement.	1 July 2014	The AASB have finalised deliberations and any modifications made to AASB 11 for not-for-profit entities, Council will need to assess the nature of arrangements with other entities in determining whether a joint arrangement exists in light of AASB 11.
AASB 12 Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities	This Standard requires disclosure of information that enables users of financial statements to evaluate the nature of, and risks associated with, interests in other entities and the effects of those interests on the financial statements. This Standard replaces the disclosure requirements in AASB 127 Separate Financial Statements and AASB 131 Interests in Joint Ventures. The exposure draft ED 238 proposes to add some implementation guidance to AASB 12, explaining and illustrating the definition of a 'structured entity' from a not-for-profit perspective.	1 July 2014	Impacts on the level and nature of the disclosures will be assessed based on the eventual implications arising from AASB 10, AASB 11 and AASB 128 Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures.

(z) Pending Accounting Standards (continued)

PRONOUNCEMENT	SUMMARY	APPLICATION DATE	IMPACT ON COUNCIL
AASB 127 Separate Financial Statements	This revised Standard prescribes the accounting and disclosure requirements for investments in subsidiaries, joint ventures and associates when an entity prepares separate financial statements.	1 July 2014	The impact of this standard will need to be assessed in line with the final deliberations by the AASB on the application of this standard to not for profit entities.
AASB 128 Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures	This revised Standard sets out the requirements for the application of the equity method when accounting for investments in associates and joint ventures.	1 July 2014	The impact of this standard will need to be assessed in line with the final deliberations by the AASB on the application of this standard to not for profit entities.
AASB 1053 Application of Tiers of Australian Accounting Standards and AASB 2010-2 Amendments to Australian Accounts Standard arising from Reduced Disclosure Requirements	These standards set out the tiers of financial reporting and the reduced disclosure framework.	1 July 2014	Council has yet to determine the impact of this standard,

NOTE 2 RATES

Council uses Capital Improved Value (CIV) as the basis of valuation of all properties within the municipal district. The CIV of a property is the value of its land and all its improvements.

This valuation base was used to calculate general rates, excluding valuations for power generation companies and Australian Paper Maryvale Ltd:

The valuation base used to calculate general rates for 2013/14 was \$9,909,313,000 (2012/13 was \$9,801,839,000).

The applicable rates in the CIV dollar were:

	2014	2013
	\$	\$
General	0.00442245	0.00421418
Farm	0.00331684	0.00316063
Recreation Land	NA	0.00163615
This derived rate revenues of:		
	\$'000s	\$'000s
Residential	33,632	31,754
Commercial/Industrial	6,608	6,253
Farm	2,761	2,627
Recreation Land	(2)	34
Rating Agreements/Payments in lieu of rates	8,765	8,549
Municipal Charge	4,444	4,227
Garbage Charge	9,555	8,658
EPA Victoria Landfill Levy	592	535
Total Rates	66,355	62,637

The date of the latest general revaluation of land for rating purposes within the municipal district was 1 January 2014, and the valuation will be first applied in the rating year commencing 1 July 2014.

The date of the previous general revaluation of land for rating purposes within the municipal district was 1 January 2012, and the valuation first applied to the rating year commencing 1 July 2012.

	2014	2013
	\$'000s	\$'000s
NOTE 3	GRANTS	

Grants were received in respect of the following:

	8,101
-	
Others 140	5,893
	50
Total 27,942 30	,044
Recurrent	
	8,635
	4,126
	8,361 2,304
	,504 ,689
Family and Children Programs 918	,089
Libraries 494	490
Maternal and Child Health 482	468
Employment Facilitation Programs 407	408 744
Enhanced Home Visiting Program 222	209
Arts Programs 145	145
Family Day Care 127	158
Rural Access Program 109	104
School Crossing Supervision 100	93
Health Programs 99	66
Community Support and Development Programs 31	32
Environment 42	26
	8,549
Non-Recurrent	
Natural Disaster Recovery2,509	294
	,712
Other Recreation Facilities 1,339	721
Moe Outdoor Pool 1,243	-
Moe Rail Precinct Revitalisation924	818
•	,165
Roads, Streets & Bridges 640	-
Federal Blackspot Program (Vic Roads)485	847
Economic Development 207	216
Community Support and Development Programs 136	453
Fire Service Property Levy106	39
Environment 25	55
City Planning and Development 21	-
Health Programs 7	-
Other (42)	34
Employment Facilitation Programs -	94
City Image Strategy -	45
Landfill	4
Total Non-Recurrent9,858	6,495

		2014	2013
		\$'000s	\$'000s
NOTE 3	GRANTS (Continued)		

Conditions on Grants

Grants & Contributions recognised as revenue during the year and were obtained on the condition that they be expended in a specified manner that had not occurred at balance date were:

Recurrent Aged and Disability Programs Health Programs Family and Children Programs Employment Facilitation Programs Libraries City Planning and Development Victorian Grants Commission – General Purpose Victorian Grants Commission – Local Roads Community Support and Development Programs Arts Programs Total Recurrent	568 358 267 165 72 6 - - - - - 1,436	402 217 267 252 82 - 4,642 1,211 34 10 7,118
Non-Recurrent Moe Rail Revitalisation Project Healthy Communities Lighting Natural Disaster Recovery Roads, Streets and Bridges Recreation Latrobe Regional Airport Community Support and Development Programs Economic Development Other Environment Other Infrastructure Family and Children Programs Fire Service Property Levy Total Non-Recurrent	997 692 342 299 214 137 23 26 11 1 1 - - - - 2,753	397 924 - 66 460 364 - 64 70 6 44 30 29 29 29 29 29
Total	4,189	9,601

		2014	2013
		\$'000s	\$'000s
NIOTE 3	CRANITS (Continued)		

Grants & Contributions which were recognised as revenue in prior years and were expended during the current year in the manner specified by the grantor were:

Recurrent Victorian Grants Commission – General Purpose Victorian Grants Commission – Local Roads Aged and Disability Programs Family and Children Programs Employment Facilitation Programs Health Programs Libraries Arts Programs Commonwealth Government - Roads to Recovery Program Community Support and Development Programs City Planning and Development	4,642 1,211 388 332 260 211 63 13 -	4,684 1,184 392 582 153 107 52 23 681 61 4
Total Recurrent	7,119	7,922
Non-Recurrent Natural Disaster Recovery Healthy Communities Moe Rail Revitalisation Project Moe Outdoor Pool Recreation Roads, Streets and Bridges City Planning and Development Community Support and Development Programs Economic Development Environment Fire Services Property Levy Aged and Disability Programs Other Health Programs Arts Programs Family and Children Programs Employment Facilitation Programs Employment Facilitation Programs Employment Facilitation Programs	1,390 846 528 435 364 116 106 (95) 70 44 29 30 11 - - - - - - 4,063	2,053 308 887 - 237 - 7 39 74 - 12 8 24 22 21 17 3,709 11,631
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Restricted Assets Resulting from Grant Revenues for the Year	(6,993)	(2,030)

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	2014	2013
	\$'000	s \$'000s
NOTE 4 USER CHARGES		
Leisure Centres	3,011	
Outdoor Pools	92	
Child Care / Pre Schools	4,211	3,985
Aged Services	1,982	2,055
Recreation (Halls and Reserves)	383	339
Planning	547	⁷ 529
Building Services	148	3 148
Health Services	372	354
Local Laws	943	960
Waste Services	4,054	2,976
Library Services	48	3 50
Debt Collections Recovery	276	5 236
Council Election Fines	39	88
Other Fees and Charges	97	98
Total User Charges	16,203	14,759

NOTE 5 OTHER INCOME

Total Other Income	4,222	4,479
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Other	241	144
Merchandise Sales	564	591
Donations	18	14
Local Contributions	230	489
Sponsorship	86	100
Fundraising	25	12
Insurance Reimbursements	227	12
Property Rentals	747	741
Commissions	42	47
Valuation Fees	15	27
Sales – Non Capital	130	13
Interest on Investments	1,566	1,778
Interest on Rates	331	511

NOTE 6 DEVELOPER CASH CONTRIBUTIONS		
Public Open Space	27	79
Drainage Headworks	-	72
Street Trees	9	16
Future Roadworks	-	199
Development Plan	-	299
Total Developer Cash Contributions	36	665

	2014	201
	\$'000s	\$'000
NOTE 7 DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTED ASSETS		
Roads	2,534	87
Drains	1,102	17
Footpaths Kerk and Channel	347	45
Kerb and Channel Land	540	17 46
Land Land Under Roads	- 54	40
Total Developer Contributed Assets	4,578	2,15
		2,13
NOTE 8 EMPLOYEE COSTS		
Salaries and Wages	38,428	35,96
Long Service Leave	934	87
Annual Leave	3,848	3,49
Superannuation	3,904	3,52
Other OnCosts	1,188	1,30
Fringe Benefits Tax and Workcover Levy	1,598	1,39
Total Employee Costs	49,900	46,56
NOTE 9 MATERIALS AND SERVICES		
Contract Payments	14,700	15,12
Plant Hire	994	95
Utilities	3,190	2,88
Building Maintenance	988	1,19
Equipment Maintenance	709	68
IT Consumables/ Communications	1,800	1,77
Family Day Care	1,107	1,32
Consultancy	1,243	1,43
Vehicle Expenses	1,386	1,28
Other Materials	6,569	7,09
Total Materials and Services	32,686	33,70
NOTE 10 BAD AND DOUBTFUL DEBTS		
Other Debtors	8	
Total Bad and Doubtful Debts	8	
NOTE 11 DEPRECIATION AND AMORTISATION EX		
Building and Improvements	3,586	3,66
Furniture and Equipment	737	69
Intangible Assets	80	8
Playground Improvements	91	1 (1
Plant and Equipment	1,649	1,60
Roads, Streets and Bridges	10,331	9,7
Drainage Works	1,493	1,33
Landfill Improvements	4,229	2,84
Total Depreciation Expenses	22,196	20,00

	2014	2013
	\$'000s	\$'000s
NOTE 12 FINANCE COSTS		
Interest on Borrowings	1,211	1,086
Total Finance Costs	1,211	1,086
NOTE 13 OTHER EXPENDITURE		
Auditors Remuneration	101	77
Councillors Allowances	268	264
Operating Lease Rentals	187	163
Grants & Contributions	1,519	1,162
Levies	1,610	1,125
Advertising & Promotion	557	562
Insurances	909	811
Total Other Expenditure	5,151	4,164
NOTE 14 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
Cash on Hand	18	19
Cash at Bank	21,064	6,334
Short Term Deposits	21,550	21,310
	21,550	21,510

Total Cash and Cash Equivalents

Council's cash and cash equivalents are subject to a number of internal and external restrictions that limit amounts available for discretionary or future use. These include:

42,632

27,663

Trust funds and deposits (Note 24) Reserve funds allocated for specific future purposes Unexpended Grants (Note 3)	2,214 2,326 5,336	2,043 2,453 12,329
Restricted Funds (Note 18)	9,876	16,825
Total Unrestricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	32,756	10,838
NOTE 15 PREPAYMENTS		
Registrations	110	112
Software Maintenance and Support	170	59
Memberships and Subscriptions	2	19
Property Leases	4	3
Other	7	14
Total Prepayments	293	207

	2014	2013
	\$'000s	\$'000s
NOTE 16 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES		
Current		
Child Care	125	112
Family Day Care	42	53
Home Care / Maintenance / Meals on Wheels	222	214
Rates *	2,906	2,172
Government Grants and Subsidies	3,137	1,104
Accrued Interest	115	288
Staff Advances	14	9
Pre Schools	3	20
Health Registrations	2	-
Advances to Community Groups/ Vendor Term Loans	10	24
Pension Claim	379	365
Latrobe Regional Airport Projects	37	44
Landfill	608	466
Other	462	727
Net GST Receivable	943	748
Provision for Doubtful Debts	(43)	(53)
Total Current	8,962	6,293

* Rates are payable by four instalments during the year or by lump sum in February. Arrears attract interest, currently at the rate of 10.5% per annum.

Non-Current Advances to Community Group/ Vendor Term Loans	17	26
Total Non-Current	17	26
Total Trade and Other Receivables	8,979	6,319

NOTE 17 FINANCIAL ASSETS

Current Term Deposits with a maturity term > 90 Days	3,310	19,500
Total Current	3,310	19,500
Non-Current		
MAPS Group Ltd. Shares	2	2
Total Non-Current	2	2
Total Financial Assets	3,312	19,502

	2014	2013
	\$'000s	\$'000s
NOTE 18 RESTRICTED ASSETS		

Cash

Council has cash and cash equivalents (Note 14) that are subject to restrictions as at the reporting date. Council has legislative restrictions in relation to non discretionary reserve and grant funds, together with cash held for trust funds and deposits

Restricted Cash Assets		
Street Lighting Reserve (1)	13	13
Off Street Parking Contributions (1)	230	230
Drainage Contributions (1)	586	732
Playground/ Public Open Space Contributions(1)	410	384
Tree Planting Contributions (1)	210	218
Future Roadwork (1)	578	578
Development Contribution Plan (1)	298	298
Trust Funds and Deposits (Note 24)	2,214	2,043
Unexpended Grants & Contributions (Note 3)	5,336	12,329
Total Restricted Cash Assets	9,876	16,825

(1) Funds required to be spent on projects for which contributions have been received.

	2014	2013
	\$'000s	\$'000s
NOTE 19 PROPERTY, INFRASTRUCTURE, PLANT AN		+ 00000
Summary		
Property, Plant and Equipment At fair value	1,286,137	1,281,656
At Cost	57,891	35,313
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(307,992)	(287,281)
Total Property, Plant and Equipment	1,036,036	1,029,689
Land		
 at independent valuation 2013 	201,546	201,546
 at cost 	-	-
Total Land	201,546	201,546
Buildings and Improvements		
 at independent valuation 2013 	178,844	178,844
• at cost	5,338	-
	184,182	178,844
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(3,586) 180,596	178,844
Total Buildings and Improvements	180,590	170,044
Furniture and Equipment		
at cost	7,237	6,020
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(4,774)	(4,143)
Total Furniture and Equipment	2,463	1,877
Plant and Equipment		
at cost	12,717	12,333
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(5,649)	(4,837)
Total Plant and Equipment	7,068	7,496
Drainage Works		
at Council valuation 2013	153,267	152,177
at cost	115	-
Less Accumulated Depreciation	153,382 (61,671)	152,177 (60,188)
Total Drainage Works	91,711	91,989
Land Under Roads		
• at Council valuation 2014	18,030	17,104
Total Land Under Roads	18,030	17,104
Roads, Streets and Bridges		
at Council valuation 2013	710,769	708,375
at cost	16,631	-
Less Accumulated Depreciation	727,400 (217,294)	708,375 (207,413)
Total Roads, Streets and Bridges	510,105	500,962
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	2014	2013
	\$'000s	\$'000s
NOTE 19 PROPERTY, INFRASTRUCTURE, PLANT AND EQUIF		φ 0003
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Landfill Improvements		
at Council valuation 2014	18,822	18,751
at cost	5,102	2,034
	23,924	20,785
Less Accumulated Amortisation	(13,928)	(9,700)
Total Landfill Improvements	9,995	11,086
Playground Improvements		
at Council valuation 2013	1,963	1,963
 at cost 	799	
	2,762	1,963
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(1,090)	(999)
Total Playground Improvements	1,672	964
Art Collection		
at Council valuation 2011	2,896	2,896
• at cost	52	37
Total Art Collection	2,948	2,933
Works in Progress – at cost		517
Furniture and EquipmentBuildings and Improvements	- 6,424	6,667
 Roads, Streets and Bridges 	3,309	4,432
Drainage	148	-
Playgrounds	8	222
Landfill Improvements	12	3,052
Total Works in Progress	9,901	14,889
Total Dranauty, Diant and Equipment	1.026.026	1 020 690
Total Property, Plant and Equipment	1,036,036	1,029,689

NOTE 19 PROPERTY, INFRASTRUCTURE, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (Continued)

Fair value assessments have been performed at 30 June 2014 for Land, Buildings and Infrastructure. This assessment demonstrated that fair value was materially similar to carrying value, and therefore a full revaluation was not required this year. The next scheduled full revaluation for this purpose will be conducted in 2016/17 for Land and Buildings and 2014/15 for Infrastructure.

Details of the Council's Land, Buildings and Infrastructure and information about the fair value hierarchy as at 30 June 2014 are as follows:

	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3
	\$'000s	\$'000s	\$'000s
Land – Non Specialised	-	87,270	-
Land – Specialised	-	-	114,276
Land Under Roads	-	-	18,030
Landfill Improvements	-	-	8,298
Buildings – Specialised	-	-	175,267
Roads, Street and Bridges	-	-	493,515
Drainage	-	-	91,596
Playground Improvements	-	-	876
Art Collection	-	2,896	-
Total	_	90,166	901.858

No transfers between levels occurred during the year

Valuation Basis

Non-specialised land, non-specialised buildings

Non-specialised land and non-specialised buildings are valued using the market based direct comparison method. Under this valuation method, the assets are compared to recent comparable sales or sales of comparable assets which are considered to have nominal or no added improvement value.

For non-specialised land and non-specialised buildings, an independent valuation was performed by CJA Lee Property – Valuers and Consultants (Registration number: 61902) to determine the fair value using the market based direct comparison method. Valuation of the assets was determined by analysing comparable sales and allowing for share, size, topography, location and other relevant factors specific to the asset being valued. From the sales analysed, an appropriate rate per square metre has been applied to the subject asset. The effective date of the valuation is 30 June 2013. To the extent that non-specialised land and non-specialised buildings do not contain significant, unobservable adjustments, these assets are classified as Level 2 under the market based direct comparison approach.

Specialised land and specialised buildings

The market based direct comparison method is also used for specialised land although is adjusted to reflect the specialised nature of the assets being valued. For Council specialised buildings, the depreciated replacement cost method is used, adjusting for the associated depreciations. Specialised assets contain significant, unobservable adjustments, therefore these assets are classified as Level 3 fair value measurements.

An adjustment is made to reflect a restriction on the sale or use of an asset by Council. The adjustment is an allowance made to reflect the difference in value between unrestricted assets and those held by the Council which are impacted by external restraints on their use.

An independent valuation of Council's specialised land and specialised buildings was performed by CJA Lee Property – Valuers and Consultants (Registration number: 61902). The valuation was performed using either the market based direct comparison method or depreciated replacement cost, adjusted for restrictions in use. The effective date of the valuation is 30 June 2013.

NOTE 19 PROPERTY, INFRASTRUCTURE, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (Continued)

Land Under Roads

All land under roads is valued at fair value using site values adjusted for englobo (undeveloped and/or unserviced) characteristics, access rights and private interests of other parties and entitlements of infrastructure assets and services. This adjustment is an unobservable input in the valuation. The adjustment has no impact on the comprehensive income statement.

Infrastructure

Infrastructure is valued using the depreciated replacement cost method. This cost represents the replacement cost of the building/component after applying depreciation rates on a useful life basis. Replacement costs relate to costs to replace the property to an "as new" standard. Economic obsolescence has also been factored into the depreciated replacement cost calculation.

Where it has not been possible to examine hidden works such as structural frames and floors, the use of reasonable materials and methods of construction have been assumed bearing in mind the age and nature of the building. The estimated cost of reconstruction including structure services and finishes, also factors in any heritage classifications as applicable. Infrastructure assets contain significant unobservable adjustments, therefore these assets are classified as Level 3.

A valuation of Council's, infrastructure assets was performed by Council's Infrastructure Planning staff. The valuation was performed based on the depreciated replacement cost of the assets. The effective date of the valuation is 30 June 2013.

Art Collection

Art collection has been valued at market value by an independent art valuer as at 30 June 2011. Valuations were carried out by:

- Guy Abrahams Approved Valuer, Australian Government Cultural Gifts Program
- Lesley Kehoe Galleries

There were no changes in valuation techniques throughout the period to 30 June 2014.

For all assets measured at fair value, the current use is considered the highest and best use.

Reconciliation of Level 3 Fair Value

	SPECIALISED LAND AND LAND IMPROVEMENTS	SPECIALISED BUILDINGS	LAND UNDER ROADS	INFRASTRUCTURE
	\$'000S	\$'000S	\$'000S	\$'000S
2014				
Opening Balance	114,276	178,844	17,104	603,975
Depreciation	-	(3,577)	-	(13,704)
Impairment Loss	-	-	-	-
Revaluation	-	-	866	-
Acquisitions/ (Disposals)	-	-	60	4,014
Transfers		-	-	-
Closing Balance	114,276	175,267	18,030	594,285

NOTE 19 PROPERTY, INFRASTRUCTURE, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (Continued)

Description of Significant Unobservable Inputs into Level 3

	VALUATION TECHNIQUE	SIGNIFICANT UNOBSERVABLE INPUTS	RANCE	SENSITIVITY
Specialised Land and Land Improvements (\$114.3 m)	Market based direct comparison approach (refer above)	Extent and impact of restriction of use	Impact of restriction of use is likely to be in the range of +- 10% of value.	Increase or decrease in the extent of restriction would result in a significantly lower or higher fair value.
Specialised Buildings (\$175.3 m)	Depreciated Replacement Cost	Direct cost per square metre Useful life of specialised buildings	\$350 - \$6,462 per square metre. 30-50 years	Increase or decrease in the direct cost per square metre adjustment and/or estimated useful life would result in a significantly lower or higher fair value.
Land Under Roads (\$18.0 m)	Market based direct comparison approach (refer above)	Extent and impact of restriction of use	87%	Increase or decrease in the extent of restriction would result in a significantly lower or higher fair value.
Roads, Streets and Bridges (\$493.515m)	Depreciated Replacement Cost	Cost per unit Useful life of infrastructure	 \$3.19 Sealed Surface to \$3,885 bridge super structures per square metre. 7 – 75 years. 	Increase or decrease in the cost per unit and/or estimated useful life would result in a significantly lower or higher fair value.
Drainage Works (\$91.596 m)	Depreciated Replacement Cost	Cost per unit Useful life of infrastructure	\$42.18-10,224.10 per metre pipes. Pits & Traps \$1,037.25 to 66,506.15 per item. 50-70 years	Increase or decrease in the cost per unit and/or estimated useful life would result in a significantly lower or higher fair value.
Landfill Improvements (\$8.298 m)	Depreciated Replacement Cost	Cost per unit Useful life of infrastructure	Unit rate per item is influenced by EPA requirements and size of landfill cell. Useful life is based on usage of landfill cell and is currently in the range of 6 - 31 years	Increase or decrease in the cost per unit and/or estimated useful life would result in a significantly lower or higher fair value.
Playground Improvements (\$0.876 m)	Depreciated Replacement Cost	Cost per unit Useful life of infrastructure	\$111 - \$44,400 per item. 11 years	Increase or decrease in the cost per unit and/or estimated useful life would result in a significantly lower or higher fair value.

NOTE 19 (a) PROPERTY, INFRASTRUCTURE, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	CARRYING AMOUNT 30/06/2013	WDV T'FER ASSETS HELD FOR SALE	RECOGNITION OF PREVIOUSLY UNRECOGNIS ED ASSETS	ADDITIONS 2013/14	WDV DISPOSALS	DEPRECIATION EXPENSES	REVALUATION INCREMENT/ (DECREMENT)	CARRYING AMOUNT 30/06/2014
					Note 19(b)	Note 11		
	\$'000s	\$`000s	\$'000s	\$'000s	\$'000s	\$'000s	\$'000s	\$'000s
2014								
Land	201,546	-	-	-	-	-	-	201,546
Buildings and Improvements	178,844	-	-	5,338	-	(3,586)	-	180,596
Furniture and Equipment	1,877	-	-	1,323	-	(737)	-	2,463
Plant and Equipment	7,495	-	-	1,750	(529)	(1,649)	-	7,068
Drainage Works	91,989	-	-	1,217	(2)	(1,493)	-	91,711
Land Under Roads	17,104	-	-	60	-	-	866	18,030
Roads, Streets and Bridges	500,963	-	-	20,046	(572)	(10,331)	-	510,105
Landfill Improvements	11,086	-	-	3,138	-	(4,229)	-	9,995
Playground Improvements	964	-	-	799	-	(91)	-	1,672
Art Collection	2,933	-	-	15	-	-	-	2,948
Works in Progress	14,889	-	-	(4,988)	-	-	-	9,901
Total Property, Infrastructure , Plant and Equipment	1,029,689	-	-	28,698	(1,103)	(22,116)	866	1,036,036

Land	169,192	190	554	519	-	-	31,091	201,546
Buildings and Improvements	176,558	553	(370)	1,791	-	(3,668)	3,980	178,844
Furniture and Equipment	1,874	-	-	704	(10)	(691)	-	1,877
Plant and Equipment	6,436	-	324	3,178	(841)	(1,601)	-	7,495
Drainage Works	83,937	-	-	292	-	(1,332)	9,092	91,989
Land Under Roads	17,090	-	-	14	-	-	-	17,104
Roads, Streets and Bridges	450,062	-	(101)	13,419	-	(9,712)	47,295	500,963
Landfill Improvements	11,893	-	-	2,035	-	(2,842)	-	11,086
Playground Improvements	746	-	-	231	(5)	(70)	63	964
Art Collection	2,908	-	-	24	-	-	-	2,933
Works in Progress	10,704	-	-	4,185	-	-	-	14,889
Total Property, Infrastructure , Plant and Equipment	931,400	743	407	26,392	(856)	(19,916)	91,521	1,029,689

NOTE 19 (b) PROPERTY, INFRASTRUCTURE, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	PLANT	FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT	INFRASTRUCTURE	TOTAL 2014	TOTAL 2013
	\$'000s	\$'000s	\$'000s	\$'000s	\$'000s
Proceeds of Sales	569	1		570	828
Sales Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Net Proceeds	569	1	-	570	828
Book Values	(529)	-	(574)	(1,103)	(856)
Gain/(Loss) on Disposals	40	1	(574)	(533)	(28)

NOTE 20 INTANGIBLE ASSETS

	Software
	\$'000s
Gross Carrying Amount	
Balance at 1 July 2012	788
Additions 2012/13	44
Balance at 30 June 2013	832
Additions 2013/14	58
Balance at 30 June 2014	890

Accumulated Amortisation and Impairment

Balance at 1 July 2012	(483)
Amortisation Expense 2012/13	(87)
Balance at 30 June 2013	(571)
Amortisation Expense 2013/14	(80)
Balance at 30 June 2014	(650)
Net Book Value at 30 June 2013	261
Net Book Value at 30 June 2014	239

Accrued Salaries and Wages Accrued Loan Interest	2,097 1	1,766 2
Current Payables	8,844	14,927
NOTE 21 TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES	\$'000s	\$'000s
	2014	2013

	2014	2013
	\$`000s	\$'000s
NOTE 22 INTEREST-BEARING LIABILITIES		
Current		
Borrowings – Secured	10,823	2,959
Total Current	10,823	2,959
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Non-Current		
Borrowings – Secured	8,828	11,427
Total Non-Current	8,828	11,427
Total Interest-Bearing Liabilities	19,651	14,386
All borrowings are secured over Council's Rate Revenue.		
The maturity profile for Council's borrowing is:		
Within 12 months	10,823	2,959
Later than 1 year but not later than 5 years	7,485	8,711
After 5 years	1,343	2,716

NOTE 23 PROVISIONS

	ANNUAL LEAVE	LONG SERVICE LEAVE	LANDFILL IMPROVEMENTS	TOTAL
	\$'000s	\$'000s	\$'000s	\$'000s
2014				
Balance at beginning of the financial year	3,707	8,164	16,415	28,285
Additional provisions Amounts Used	3,805 (3,587)	742 (807)	- (738)	4,547 (5,131)
Increase in the discounted amount arising because of time				
and the effect of any change in the discount rate	5	156	71	232
Balance at the end of the financial year	3,930	8,256	15,748	27,933
	-			
2013				
Balance at beginning of the financial year	3,563	7,896	16,589	28,048
Additional provisions	3,504	1,463	193	5,160
Amounts Used	(3,360)	(632)	(367)	(4,359)
Increase in the discounted amount arising because of time and the effect of any change in the discount rate	-	(563)	-	(563)
Balance at the end of the financial year	3,707	8,164	16,415	28,286
			2014	2013

	2014	2013
	\$'000s	\$'000s
Current Provisions expected to be settled within 12 months		
Annual Leave	3,650	3,707
Long Service Leave	1,882	1,903
Landfill Rehabilitation	2,119	2,027
	7,651	7,637
Current Provisions expected to be settled after 12 months		
Annual Leave	280	-
Long Service Leave	5,003	4,855
	5,283	4,855
Total Current Provisions	12,935	12,492
Non-Current Provisions		
Long Service Leave	1,370	1,406
Landfill Rehabilitation	13,628	14,388
Total Non-Current Provisions	14,998	15,794

The following assumptions were adopted in measuring the present value of employee benefits

Weighted average increase in employee costs	4.44%	4.50%
Weighted average discount rates	3.06%	3.24%
Weighted average settlement period	12	12

Total Trust Funds and Deposits	2,214	2,043
Contracts and Sundry Deposits	2,214	2,043
NOTE 24 TRUST FUNDS AND DEPOSITS		
	\$'000s	\$'000s
	2014	2013

NOTE 25 RESERVES

(a) Asset Revaluation Reserve	BALANCE AT OF REPORTI		INCRE (DECRE	MENT/ EMENT)	BALANCE OF REPORTI	
	2014 \$'000s	2013 \$'000s	2014 \$'000s	2013 \$'000s	2014 \$'000s	2013 \$'000s
Land	160,054	128,963	-	31,091	160,054	160,054
Buildings and Improvements	89,547	85,567	-	3,980	89,547	89,547
Land Under Roads	6,319	6,319	866	-	7,185	6,319
Plant and Equipment	14	14	-	-	14	14
Roads, Streets and Bridges	96,285	48,990	-	47,295	96,285	96,285
Drainage	46,244	37,152	-	9,092	46,244	46,244
Playgrounds	63	-	-	63	63	63
Artworks	727	727	-	-	727	727
Total	399,253	307,732	866	91,521	400,119	399,253

(b) Other Reserves	2014	2013
	\$'000s	\$'000s
Developer Contributions Balance at beginning of reporting period Transfer from accumulated surplus Transfer to accumulated surplus	2,453 (164) 36	1,898 (110) 665
Balance at end of reporting period	2,326	2,453
Total Reserves	402,445	401,706

The development contribution reserve is maintained to account for funds held by the Council for specific development purposes. Such purposes include off street parking, drainage, playgrounds and public open spaces and tree planting development.

NOTE 26 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND CONTINGENT ASSETS

Contingent Liabilities

Council has been served with an unquantified claim under the Water Act 1989 in relation to the Morwell Land Movement. Council will be defending this claim in the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal and the Supreme Court in the 2014-2015 financial year and as this matter is yet to be finalised, and as the financial outcomes are unable to be reliably estimated, no allowance for these contingencies has been made in the financial report.

Council has obligations under a defined benefit superannuation scheme that may result in the need to make additional contributions to the scheme to ensure that the liabilities of the fund are covered by the assets of the fund. As a result of the increased volatility in financial markets the likelihood of making such contributions in future periods has increased. At this point in time it is not known if additional contributions will be required, their timing or potential amount.

NOTE 26 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND CONTINGENT ASSETS (Continued)

Contingent Liabilities (continued)

Council has varying obligations for the rehabilitation of five former landfill sites, estimated costs associated with undertaking these works have been included in the balance sheet provisions, however there is still some uncertainty around the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requirements, which could lead to additional costs that cannot currently be reliably measured.

Contingent Assets

Construction of infrastructure assets by developers in the course of creating new subdivisions results in the infrastructure assets being vested in Council when Council issues a Statement of Compliance. These assets are brought to account as revenue and capitalised.

At reporting date, developers had commenced construction of assets that will eventually be transferred to Council contingent upon Council issuing a Statement of Compliance.

Due to the nature of the arrangements in place and the assets involved, a contingent asset cannot be reliably measured prior to completion.

NOTE 27 COMMITMENTS

	NOT LATER	LATER THAN	LATER THAN	LATER THAN	TOTAL
	THAN 1 YEAR	1 YEAR AND NOT LATER	2 YEARS AND NOT LATER	5 YEARS	
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		2 YEARS	5 YEARS		
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	\$'000s	\$'000s	\$'000s	\$'000s	\$'000s
2014					
Operating					
Garbage Collection	3,110	3,203	8,447	-	14,760
Transfer Station Operations	1,007	1,037	2,168	-	4,211
Street Sweeping	385	198	-	-	583
Cleaning Services	353	-	-	-	353
Landfill Leachate Treatment	297	306	158	-	760
Meals On Wheels	96	-	-	-	96
Latrobe Regional Airport Master Plan	89	-	-	-	89
Landfill Rehabilitation	94	-	-	-	94
Hazelwood Pondage Caravan Park Waste Water Disposal	65	-	-	-	65
Sanitary Disposal Services	56	5	-	-	61
Materials Recovery Facility - Recycling	53	54	114	-	221
Courier Services	23	-	-	-	23
	5,628	4,803	10,887	-	21,317
Capital Construction					
Roads, Streets & Bridges	1,033	-	-	-	1,033
Recreation	5	-	-	-	5
	1,038	-	-	-	1,038

NOTE 27 COMMITMENTS (Continued)

	NOT LATER		LATER THAN	LATER THAN	
	THAN		2 YEARS AND	5 YEARS	
	1 YEAR		NOT LATER		
			THAN		
		2 YEARS	5 YEARS		
	\$'000s		\$'000s	\$'000s	
2013					
Operating					
Garbage Collection	3,097	3,189	10,154	1,795	18,235
Street Sweeping	377	388	200	-	965
Meals on Wheels	347	209	-	-	556
Public Convenience Cleaning	185	-	-	-	185
Website and Intranet Development	52	-	-	-	52
Green Waste Acceptance and	847	070	1 0 2 4		2 5 4 2
Processing	847	872	1,824	-	3,543
Transfer Station Operations	997	1,027	3,269	-	5,293
Materials Recovery Facility - Recycling	54	55	175	-	284
Emergency Management	62	-	-	-	62
	6,016	5,741	15,622	1,795	29,173
Capital Construction					
Roads, Streets and Bridges	2,567	_	_	_	2,567
Recreation	2,307	-	-	-	2,307
Latrobe Regional Airport	285	-	-	-	2,429
Buildings and Improvements	285	-	-	-	285
Telecommunications Solution	249	-	-	-	249
Replacement	191	-	-	-	191
	5,721	-	-	-	5,721

	2014	2013	
	\$'000s	\$'000s	

NOTE 28 OPERATING LEASES

At the reporting date, the municipality had the following obligations under non-cancellable operating leases. (These obligations are not recognised as liabilities):

Not Later than one year	163	80
Later than one year and not later than five years	403	370
Later than five years	1,401	1,210
	1,967	1,660

NOTE 29 EVENTS OCCURRING AFTER BALANCE DATE

No matters have occurred after balance date that requires disclosure in the financial report.

NOTE 30 SUPERANNUATION

Latrobe City Council makes the majority of its employer superannuation contributions in respect of its employees to the Local Authorities Superannuation Fund (the Fund). This Fund has two categories of membership, accumulation and defined benefit, each of which is funded differently. The defined benefit section provides lump sum benefits based on years of service and final average salary. The defined contribution section receives fixed contributions from Latrobe City Council and the Latrobe City Council's legal or constructive obligation is limited to these contributions.

Obligations for contributions to the Fund are recognised as an expense in Comprehensive Operating Statement when they are made or due.

Accumulation

The Fund's accumulation category, Vision Super Saver receives both employer and employee contributions on a progressive basis. Employer contributions are normally based on a fixed percentage of employee earnings (for the year ended 30 June 2014, this was 9.25% required under Superannuation Guarantee legislation). No further liability accrues to the employer as the superannuation benefits accruing to employees are represented by their share of the net assets of the Fund.

Effective from 1 July 2014, the Superannuation Guarantee contribution rate will increase to 9.5%.

Defined Benefit

The Fund's Defined Benefit category is a multi-employer sponsored plan. As the Fund's assets and liabilities are pooled and are not allocated to each employer, the Actuary is unable to allocate benefit liabilities, assets and costs between employers. As provided under Paragraph 32 (b) of AASB 119, Latrobe City Council does not use defined benefit accounting for its defined benefit obligations.

Council makes employer contributions to the defined benefit category of the Fund at rates determined by the Trustee on the advice of the Fund's actuary. Council makes employer contributions to the Fund's Defined Benefit category at rates determined by the Fund's Trustee. This rate is currently 9.25% of member's salaries (9.25% in 2012/13).

In addition, Council reimburses the Fund to cover the excess of the benefits paid as a consequence of retrenchment above the funded resignation or retirement benefit (the funded resignation or retirement benefit is calculated as the VBI multiplied by the benefit).

Council is also required to make additional contributions to cover the contribution tax payable on the contributions referred to above.

Employees are also required to make member contributions to the Fund. As such, assets accumulate in the Fund to meet member benefits, as defined in the Trust Deed, as they accrue.

Unfunded Superannuation Liability - Funding Calls

The fund is required to comply with the superannuation prudential standards. Under the superannuation prudential standards SPS 160, The Fund is required to target full funding of is vested benefits. There may be circumstances where: - a fund is in an unsatisfactory financial position at an actuarial investigation (i.e. its vested benefit index (VBI) is less than 100% at the date of the actuarial investigation); or

- a fund's VBI is below the shortfall limit at any time other than the date of the actuarial investigations.

If either of the above occur, the Fund has a shortfall for the purposes of SPS 160 and the Fund is required to put a plan in place so that the shortfall is fully funded within three years of the shortfall occurring. There may be circumstances where the Australian Prudential Authority (APRA) may approve a period longer than three years.

The Fund monitors its VBI on a quarterly basis and the Fund has set its shortfall limit at 97%. Since 30 June 2013 the VBI has been in excess of 100%. The 31 March estimated VBI was 104.6%. As this is greater than 100%, the fund is considered to be fully funded with no action required by employers at this stage.

The next full actuarial investigation of the Fund's liability for accrued benefits will be based on the Fund's position as at 30 June 2014. The anticipated completion date of this actuarial investigation is 19 December 2014.

NOTE 30 SUPERANNUATION (Continued)

2014	2013
\$'000s	\$'000s

Superannuation Contributions

Contributions by Latrobe City Council to the above superannuation plans for the financial year ended 30 June 2014 are detailed below:

516 2,924 464	7,451 2,645 407
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516	7,451
516	7,451
-	6,975
516	476
	516

The expected contributions to be paid to the defined benefit category of Vision Super for the year ending 30 June 2015 is \$0.550 million.

NOTE 31 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Responsible Persons

(i)

Names of persons holding the position of Responsible Person at the Latrobe City Council during the reporting period are:

		From	То
Councillors:	Darrell White	01/07/13	30/06/14
	Graeme Middlemiss	01/07/13	30/06/14
	Sandy Kam	01/07/13	30/06/14
	Kellie O'Callaghan	01/07/13	30/06/14
	Sharon Gibson	01/07/13	30/06/14
	Dale Harriman	01/07/13	30/06/14
	Michael Rossiter	01/07/13	30/06/14
	Christine Sindt	01/07/13	30/06/14
	Peter Gibbons	01/07/13	30/06/14
Chief Executive	Paul Buckley	01/07/13	14/02/14
	John Mitchell (Acting)	24/12/13	30/06/14

(ii) Remuneration of Responsible Persons

The numbers of Responsible Officers, whose total remuneration from Council and any related entities fall within the following bands;

Total Remuneration for the reporting period for Responsible Persons included above, amounted to:	650	571
Total	11	13
\$300,000 - \$309,999	-	1
\$210,000 - \$219,999	1	-
\$60,000 - \$69,999 \$140,000 - \$149,999	1	-
\$50,000 - \$59,999	-	1
\$40,000 - \$49,999	1	-
\$30,000 - \$39,999	-	1
<\$20,000 \$20,000 - \$29,999	- 7	5
Income Range		F
	\$'000s	\$'000s
	2014	2013

(iii) Retirement Benefits

No Retirement benefits have been paid by the Council in connection with the retirement of Responsible Persons of the Council. (2012/13: \$Nil)

(iv) Loans

No Loans have been made, guaranteed or secured by the Council to a Responsible Person of the Council during the reporting period. (2012/13: \$Nil)

NOTE 31 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (Continued)

Other Transactions

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During the year, a number of transactions were entered into that require additional disclosures in this note. All transactions listed below occurred under normal commercial terms and conditions.

(a) Apprenticeships Group Australia

Councillor Darrell White is the Director of Apprenticeships Group Australia (AGA). For the year ended 30 June 2014, Council paid AGA \$6,600 in Wage Subsidy payments.

(b) Morwell Bowling Club

Councillor Darrell White is the Director of Morwell Bowling Club. For the year ended 30 June 2014, Council paid Morwell Bowling Club \$7,305.40 for Catering and Room Hire.

(c) Power Works Holdings Ltd

Councillor Darrell White is the Director of Power Works Holdings Ltd. For the year ended 30 June 2014, Council has not made any payments to Power Works Holdings Ltd.

(d) Gippsland Regional Waste Management Group

Councillor Graeme Middlemiss is the Director and Deputy Chair of Gippsland Regional Waste Management Group (GRWMG). For the year ended 30 June 2014, Council has not made any payments to GRWMG.

(e) South Eastern Australian Transport Strategy Inc.

Councillor Graeme Middlemiss is the Secretary and Executive Member of South Eastern Australia Transport Strategy Inc (SEATS). For the year ended 30 June 2014, Council paid SEATS \$6,514.76 for a membership subscription.

(f) Victorian District of Mining and Energy Division of the Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union

Councillor Graeme Middlemiss is the Vice President of Victorian District of Mining and Energy Division of the Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union (CFMEU). For the year ended 30 June 2014, Council has not made any payments to CFMEU.

(g) Gippsland Road Safe

Councillor Sandy Kam is the Secretary, Treasurer and Public Office of Gippsland Road Safe. For the year ended 30 June 2014, Council has not made any payments to Gippsland Road Safe.

(h) Barrier Breakers

Councillor Sandy Kam is the Returning Officer of Barrier Breakers. For the year ended 30 June 2014, Council has not made any payments to Barrier Breakers.

(i) Latrobe New Arrivals Driving Program

Councillor Sandy Kam is the Chair of Latrobe New Arrivals Driving Program (LNADP). For the year ended 30 June 2014, Council has not made any payments to LNADP.

(j) Gippsland Regional Advisory Council for Victorian Multicultural Commission

Councillor Sandy Kam is a member of Gippsland Regional Advisory Council for Victorian Multicultural Commission. For the year ended 30 June 2014, Council has not made any payments to Gippsland Regional Advisory Council for Victorian Multicultural Commission.

(k) Timber Towns Victoria

Councillor Sandy Kam is the Deputy Chair (Vice President) of Timber Towns Victoria. For the year ended 30 June 2014, Council paid Timber Towns Victoria \$3,300 for a membership subscription.

(I) Latrobe Regional Hospital

Councillor Kellie O'Callaghan is the Board Chair of Latrobe Regional Hospital (LRH). For the year ended 30 June 2014, Council paid LRH \$5,625 for Sponsorship for a Gala Ball including 5 x Gala Ball Tickets. Council also reimbursed LRH \$1,096.60 in overpaid fees for council services.

NOTE 31 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (Continued)

(v) Other Transactions (continued)

(m) Community Advisory Committee, Clean Coal Victoria

Councillor Kellie O'Callaghan is the Chair of Community Advisory Committee, Clean Coal Victoria. For the year ended 30 June 2014, Council has not made any payments to Community Advisory Committee, Clean Coal Victoria.

(n) Gippsland Medicare Local

Councillor Kellie O'Callaghan is the Director of Gippsland Medicare Local. For the year ended 30 June 2014, Council has not made any payments to Gippsland Medicare Local.

(o) St Gabriel's Primary School

Councillor Dale Harriman is on the Board of St Gabriel's Primary School. For the year ended 30 June 2014, Council has paid St Gabriel's Primary School \$126 for Traffic School Hire Refund.

(p) Cool One Refrigeration Pty Ltd

Councillor Michael Rossiter has declared an interest in Cool One Refrigeration Pty Ltd. For the year ended 30 June 2014, Council has not made any payments to Cool One Refrigeration Pty Ltd.

(q) Rotary Club of Traralgon

Councillor Michael Rossiter has declared an interest in the Rotary Club of Traralgon. For the year ended 30 June 2014, Council has not made any payments to Rotary Club of Traralgon.

(r) Sindt Pty Ltd

Councillor Christine Sindt is the Trustee for Sindt Pty Ltd. For the year ended 30 June 2014, Council has not made any payments to Sindt Pty Ltd.

(s) Gibbo River Pty Ltd Mitchell Family Trust

Acting CEO John Mitchell is the Director of Gibbo River Pty Ltd Mitchell Family Trust. For the year ended 30 June 2014, Council has not made any payments to Gibbo River Pty Ltd Mitchell Family Trust.

(t) Sunderman Water Power Ltd

Acting CEO John Mitchell is the Director of Sunderman Water Power Ltd. For the year ended 30 June 2014, Council has not made any payments to Sunderman Water Power Ltd.

(u) Gunai Kurnai Traditional Land Owners Management Board

Acting CEO John Mitchell is the Deputy Chairman of Gunai Kurnai Traditional Land Owners Management Board. For the year ended 30 June 2014, Council has not made any payments to Gunai Kurnai Traditional Land Owners Management Board.

(v) Gippsland Emergency Relief Fund

Acting CEO John Mitchell is the President of Gippsland Emergency Relief Fund (GERF). For the year ended 30 June 2014, Council has not made any payments to GERF.

(w) Gippstafe

Acting CEO John Mitchell was the Chairman of Gippstafe. For the year ended 30 June 2014, Council made payments of \$65,362.63 for training, catering of functions, refunds of overpaid council services and a contribution to a forum.

NOTE 31 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (Continued)

(vi) Senior Officers Remuneration

A Senior Officer other than a Responsible Person, is an officer of Council who has management responsibilities and reports directly to the Chief Executive Officer or whose total annual remuneration exceeds \$133,000 (2012/13 \$130,000).

The number of Senior Officers other than the Responsible Persons, are shown below in their relevant income bands:

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- - 3 2
- - 3
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NOTE 32 RECONCILIATION OF CASH FLOWS FROM OPER	ATING ACTIVITIES	TO SURPLUS
Surplus for the Period	7,653	9,523
Depreciation and Amortisation	22,195	20.004
Finance Costs	1,211	1,086
Net Loss on disposal of Property, Infrastructure, Plant and Equipment	533	28
Recognition of Previously Unrecognised Assets	-	(407)
Developer Contributions for Contributed Assets	(4,578)	(2,150)
Changes in Assets and Liabilities:		
(Increase)/decrease in Trade and Other Receivables	(2,661)	1,086
Increase/(decrease) in Trade and Other Payables	(5,753)	1,747
(Increase)/decrease in Prepayments	(86)	147
Increase/(decrease) in Provisions	(423)	237
Increase/(decrease) in Contract and Security Deposits	172	523
Net Cash provided by Operating Activities	18,263	31,824

NOTE 33 FINANC	CIAL IN <u>S</u>	STRUMENTS	
(a) Account	ting Polic	y, Terms and Conditions	
RECOGNISED FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT	NOTE	ACCOUNTING POLICY	TERMS AND CONDITIONS
FINANCIAL ASSETS			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	14	Cash on hand and at bank and money market call account are valued at face value.	Cash at Bank and At call deposits returned a floating interest rate of 2.40% (3.04% in 2012/13). The interest rate at balance date was 2.39% (2.69% in 2012/13).
		Interest is recognised as it accrues. -Investments and Bills were valued at cost -Investments are held to maximise interest returns of surplus cash. -Interest revenues are recognised as they accrue.	Funds returned fixed interest rates of between 3.39% (4.15% in 2012/13), and 4.38% (6.05% in 2012/13) net of fees.
Trade and Other Receivables	16	Receivables are carried at nominal amounts due less any provision for doubtful debts. A provision for doubtful debts is recognised when there is objective evidence that an impairment loss has occurred.	General debtors are unsecured and arrears attract an interest rate of 10.5% (10.5% in 2012/13). Credit terms are based on 30 days.
Financial Assets	17	 -Investments and Bills were valued at amortised cost using the effective interest method. -Investments are held to maximise interest returns of surplus cash. -Interest revenues are recognised as they accrue. 	Funds returned fixed interest rates of between 3.65% (4.20% in 2012/13), and 4.70% (4.70% in 2012/13) net of fees.
FINANCIAL LIABILITIES			
Trade and Other Payables	21	Liabilities are recognised for amounts to be paid in the future for goods and services provided to Council as at balance date whether or not invoices have been received.	General Creditors are unsecured, not subject to interest charges and are normally settled within 30 days of invoice receipt.
Interest Bearing Liabilities	22	-Loans are carried at their principal amounts, which represent the present value of future cash flows associated with servicing the debt. -Interest is accrued over the period it becomes due and is recognised as part of payables	Borrowings are secured by way of mortgage over the general rates of the Council. The weighted average interest rate on borrowings is 5.57% during 2012/13 (7.11% in 2012/13)
Bank Overdraft		Overdrafts are recognised at the principal amount. Interest is charged as an expense as it accrues.	The overdraft is subject to annual review. Council has a \$1M overdraft facility. It is secured by a mortgage over Council's general rates and is repayable on demand. No overdraft was utilised during 2013/14 or 2012/13.

NOTE 33 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

(b) Interest Rate Risk

The exposure to interest rate risk and the effective interest rate of financial assets and financial liabilities, both recognised and unrecognised at balance date are as follows:

	FLOATING INTEREST	1 YEAR OR LESS	OVER 1 TO 5	MORE THAN	NON- INTEREST	TOTAL
	RATE \$'000s	\$'000s	YEARS \$'000s	5 YEARS \$'000s	BEARING \$'000s	\$'000s
2014	↓ UUU5	Φ 0005	Ψ UUUS	ψ 0003	ψ 0003	φ 0005
Financial Assets						
Cash and Cash Equivalents Financial Assets Trade and Other Receivable	21,064	21,550 3,310	-	-	18 2	42,632 3,312
Total Financial Assets	-	-	-	-	5,130	5,130
Total Financial Assets	21,064	24,860	-	-	5,150	51,074
Weighted Average Interest Rates	2.39%	3.61%	-	-	-	-
Financial Liabilities						
Trade and Other Payables	-	-	-	-	10,942	10,942
Trust Funds and Deposits	-	-	-	-	2,214	2,214
Interest-Bearing Liabilities	-	10,823	7,485	1,343	-	19,651
Total Financial Liabilities	-	10,823	7,485	1,343	13,156	32,807
Weighted Average Interest Rates	-	4.24%	7.37%	6.34%	-	-
Net Financial Assets (Liabilities)	21,064	14,037	(7,485)	(1,343)	(8,006)	18,267
2013						
Financial Assets Cash and Cash Equivalents	6,334	21 210			19	27,663
Financial Assets	0,334	21,310 19,500	-	-	-	19,500
Trade and Other Receivable	-	-	-	-	3,416	3,416
Total Financial Assets	6,334	40,810	-	-	3,435	50,579
Weighted Average Interest Rates	3.04%	4.32%	-	-	-	-
Financial Liabilities						
Trade and Other Payables	_	_	_	_	16,695	16,695
Trust Funds and Deposits	-	-	-	-	2,043	2,043
Interest-Bearing Liabilities	-	2,959	8,710	2,717	-	14,386
Total Financial Liabilities	-	2,959	8,710	2,717	18,738	33,124
Weighted Average Interest Rates	-	6.89%	7.30%	6.76%	-	-

6,334

37,851

(8,710)

(2,717)

(15,303)

17,455

Net Financial Assets (Liabilities)

NOTE 33 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

(c) Net Fair Value

The aggregate net fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities, both recognised and unrecognised at balance date are as follows:

	TOTAL CARRYINC BALANC		AGGREGATE NET FAIR VALUE		
	2014	2013	2014	2013	
	\$'000s	\$'000s	\$'000s	\$'000s	
Financial Assets					
Cash and Cash Equivalents	42,632	27,663	42,632	27,663	
Financial Assets	3,312	19,500	3,312	19,500	
Trade and Other Receivable	5,130	3,416	5,130	3,416	
Total Financial Assets	51,074	50,579	51,074	50,579	
Financial Liabilities					
Trade and Other Payables	10,942	16,695	10,942	16,695	
Trust Funds and Deposits	2,214	2,043	2,214	2,043	
Interest-Bearing Liabilities	19,651	14,386	19,651	14,386	
Total Financial Liabilities	32,807	33,124	32,807	33,124	

(d) Risk and Mitigation

The risks associated with our main financial instruments and our policies for minimising these risks are detailed below.

Market Risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of our financial instruments will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. The Council's exposures to market risk are primarily through interest rate risk with only insignificant exposure to other price risks and no exposure to foreign currency risk. Components of market risk to which we are exposed are discussed below.

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk refers to the risk that the value of a financial instrument or cash flows associated with the instrument will fluctuate due to changes in market interest rates. Interest rate risk arises from interest bearing financial assets and liabilities that we use. Non derivative interest bearing assets are predominantly short term liquid assets. Our interest rate liability risk arises primarily from long term loans and borrowings at fixed rates which exposes us to fair value interest rate risk.

Our loan borrowings are sourced from major Australian banks by a tender process. We manage interest rate risk on our net debt portfolio by:

setting prudential limits on interest repayments as a percentage of rate revenue.

We manage the interest rate exposure on our net debt portfolio by appropriate budgeting strategies.

Investment of surplus funds is made with approved financial institutions under the *Local Government Act 1989*. We manage interest rate risk by adopting an investment policy that ensures:

- conformity with State and Federal regulations and standards,
- adequate safety,
- diversification by credit rating, financial institution and investment product,
- monitoring of return on investment
- benchmarking of returns and comparison with budget.

Maturity will be staggered to provide for interest rate variations and to minimise interest rate risk.

NOTE 33 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that a contracting entity will not complete its obligations under a financial instrument and cause us to make a financial loss. We have exposure to credit risk on all financial assets included in our balance sheet. To help manage this risk:

- we have a policy for establishing credit limits for the entities we deal with;
- we may require collateral where appropriate; and
- we only invest surplus funds with financial institutions which has a recognised credit rating specified in our investment policy.

Trade and other receivables consist of a large number of customers, spread across the consumer, business and government sectors. Credit risk associated with the Council's financial assets is minimal because the main debtor is the Victorian Government. Apart from the Victorian Government we do not have any significant credit risk exposure to a single customer or groups of customers. Ongoing credit evaluation is performed on the financial condition of our customers and, where appropriate, an allowance for doubtful debts is raised.

We may also be subject to credit risk for transactions which are not included in the balance sheet, such as when we provide a guarantee for another party. Details of our contingent liabilities are disclosed in note 26.

	2014	2013
	\$'000s	\$'000s
Movement in Provision for Doubtful Debts		
Balance at the beginning of the year	53	66
New Provisions recognised during the year	18	23
Amounts already provided for and written off as uncollectible	(12)	(15)
Amounts provided for but recovered during the year	(16)	(21)
Balance at the end of the year	43	53

Ageing of Trade and Other Receivables

At balance date other debtors representing financial assets were past due but not impaired. These amounts relate to a number of independent customers for whom there is no recent history of default. The ageing of the Councils' Trade and Other Receivables at reporting date was:

Current (not yet overdue)	2,445	2,314
Past due by up to 30 days	2,326	616
Past due between 31 and 60 days	85	100
Past due between 61 and 90 days	48	28
Past due by more than 90 days	226	358
	5,130	3,416

NOTE 33 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk includes the risk that, as a result of our operational liquidity requirements:

- we will not have sufficient funds to settle a transaction on the date;
- we will be forced to sell financial assets at a value which is less than what they are worth; or
- we may be unable to settle or recover financial assets at all.

To help reduce these risks we:

- have readily accessible standby facilities and other funding arrangements in place;
- have a liquidity portfolio structure that requires surplus funds to be invested within various bands of liquid instruments;
- monitor budget to actual performance on a regular basis; and
- set limits on borrowings relating to the percentage of loans to rate revenue and percentage of loan principal repayments to rate revenue.

The Councils exposure to liquidity risk is deemed insignificant based on prior periods' data and current assessment of risk.

The table below lists the contractual maturities for Council's Financial Liabilities.

These amounts undiscounted gross payments including both principal and interest amounts.

	6 MONTHS OR LESS	6-12 MONTHS	1-2 YEARS	2-5 YEARS	>5 YEARS	TOTAL AMOUNT	CARRYING AMOUNT
	\$'000s	\$'000s	\$'000s	\$'000s	\$'000s	\$'000s	\$'000 s
2014							
Trade and Other Payables Trust Funds and Deposits Interest-Bearing Liabilities	10,942 2,214 9,933	1,647	2,921	5,918	1,425	10,942 2,214 21,844	10,942 2,214 19,651
	23,089	1,647	2,921	5,918	1,425	35,000	32,807
2013							
Trade and Other Payables Trust Funds and Deposits Interest-Bearing Liabilities	16,695 2,043 2,055	- - 1,832	- - 3,334	- - 7,333	- - 2,941	16,695 2,043 17,495	16,695 2,043 14,386
	20,793	1,832	3,334	7,333	2,941	36,233	33,124

(e) Sensitivity Disclosure Analysis

Taking into account past performance, future expectations, economic forecasts, and management's knowledge and experience of the financial markets, the Council believes the following movements are 'reasonably possible' over the next 12 months (Base rates are sourced from the Commonwealth Bank of Australia):

• A parallel shift of +1% and -2% in market interest rates (AUD) from year end rates of 2.50%. (2012/13 2.75%)

The statement below discloses the impact on net operating result and equity for each category of financial instruments held by the Council at year end, if the above movements were to occur.

Based on a market interest rate (AUD) at year end of 2.50% (2012/13 2.75%) a parallel shift of +1% will result in an increase of \$211K (2012/13 \$63K) in operating surplus and equity and accordingly a parallel shift of -2% would have resulted in a decrease of \$422K and (2012/13 \$126K) in operating surplus and equity on those balances subject to floating interest rates.

	2014	2013
	\$'000s	\$'000s
NOTE 34 AUDITOR'S REMUNERATION		
Audit Fee to conduct External Audit – Victorian Auditor-General	59	58
Internal Audit Fees	39	66
	98	124

NOTE 35 INCOME, EXPENSES AND ASSETS BY FUNCTION/ACTIVITY

	TOTAL	EXECUTIVE OFFICE	ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY	ORGANISATIONAL EXCELLENCE	RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE	COMMUNITY LIVEABILITY	PLANNING AND GOVERNANCE	OTHER
	\$'000s	\$'000s	\$'000s	\$`000 s	\$'000s	\$'000 s	\$'000s	\$'000s
2014								
Income								
Grants	27,942	-	406	3	1,961	13,134	153	12,286
Other	91,394	3	5,027	59	8,883	7,763	919	68,740
Total Income	119,336	3	5,433	62	10,843	20,897	1,072	81,026
Expenses	111,683	1,467	12,223	6,835	23,713	29,208	8,487	29,751
Surplus (deficit) for the year	7,653	(1,465)	(6,789)	(6,773)	(12,869)	(8,311)	(7,414)	51,275
Assets attributed to Function/Activities *	1,091,492	545	47,614	746	883,900	106,172	1,742	50,773
2013								
Income								
Grants	30,044	3	361	1	2,178	12,527	181	14,794
Other	85,069	2	4,020	111	6,945	7,485	1,123	65,382
Total Income	115,113	5	4,381	113	9,123	20,012	1,304	80,175
Expenses	105,590	1,227	11,822	6,743	22,682	26,532	7,855	28,729
Surplus (deficit) for the year	9,523	(1,222)	(7,441)	(6,630)	(13,558)	(6,520)	(6,552)	51,446
Assets attributed to Function/Activities *	1,083,641	463	44,944	944	874,274	108,925	1,764	52,327

*Assets have been attributed to functions/activities based on the control and/or custodianship of specific assets.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

This division is responsible for the management of council operations and chief executive office functions.

ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY

This division is responsible for investment facilitation, tourism and Latrobe Regional Airport activities and natural environment sustainability including the management of waste services.

ORGANISATIONAL EXCELLENCE

This division is responsible for people management and development, corporate strategy and information services.

RECREATION, & COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

This division is responsible for recreational and cultural activities, infrastructure operations such as the maintenance of buildings, roads, drains and parks and gardens, transit cities and the management of capital projects. It is also responsible for cleansing services such as street and footpath sweeping and cleaning of public conveniences.

COMMUNITY LIVEABILITY

This division is responsible for the provision of family and children services programs including preschool, childcare and maternal and child health. Community Liveability is also responsible for community wellbeing programs including home care, meals on wheels ADASS and environmental health. This division also manages community information services including libraries, service centres and local laws. Community capacity building programs are also part of this division's responsibility.

PLANNING AND GOVERNANCE

This division is responsible for council operations and legal counsel, financial management, community relations, risk management, statutory and strategic planning and building services.

OTHER

Other includes the Victoria Grants Commission general purpose grants and rate revenue together with expenditure that is not attributable to any other division.

NOTE 36 FINANCIAL RATIOS

2014	2014	2013	2013	2012	2012
\$'000s	%	\$'000s	%	\$'000s	%

(i) Debt Servicing Ratio

(to identify the capacity of Council to service its outstanding debt)

Debt Servicing Cost	1,211	= 1.01%	1,086	= 0.94%	1,226	=	1.08%
Total Revenue	119,336		115,113	-	113,545	_	

Debt servicing costs refer to the payment of interest on loan borrowings, finance lease, and bank overdraft.

The ratio expresses the amount of interest paid as a percentage of Council's total revenue.

(ii) Debt Commitment Ratio

(to identify a Council's debt redemption strategy)

Debt Servicing & Redemption Costs	4,916	= 7.41%	4,237	= 6.76%	4,069	=	6.92%
Rate Revenue	66,355		62,637		58,762	_	

The strategy involves the payment of loan principal and interest, finance lease principal and interest.

The ratio expresses the percentage of rate revenue utilised to pay interest and redeem debt principal.

(iii) Revenue Ratio

(to identify a Council's dependence on non-rate income)

Rate Revenue	66,355	= 55.60%	62,637	= 54.41	58,762	= 51.75%
Total Revenue	119,336		115,113	%	113,545	-

The level of Council's reliance on rate revenue is determined by assessing rate revenue as a proportion of the total revenue of Council.

(iv) Debt Exposure Ratio

(to identify a Council's exposure to debt)

Total Indebtedness	60,740	= 13.59%	61,409	= 13.87	61,053	= 15.08%
Total Realisable Assets	446,889		442,882	%	404,902	

For the purpose of the calculation of financial ratios, realisable assets are those assets which can be sold and which are not subject to any restriction on realisation or use.

Any liability represented by a restricted asset (note 19) is excluded from total indebtedness.

The following assets are excluded from total assets when calculating Council's realisable assets: Land and buildings on Crown land; restricted assets; heritage assets and total infrastructure assets.

The ratio enables assessment of Council's solvency and exposure to debt. Total indebtedness refers to the total liabilities of Council. Total liabilities are compared to total realisable assets which are all Council assets not subject to any restriction and are able to be realised. The ratio expresses the percentage to total liabilities for each dollar of realisable assets.

NOTE 36 FINANCIAL RATIOS (Continued)

2014	2014	2013	2013	2012	2012
\$'000s	%	\$'000s	%	\$'000s	%

(v) Working Capital Ratio

(to assess a Council's ability to meet current commitments)

Current Assets	55,198	= 150%	53,662	= 157%	50,490	= 204%
Current Liabilities	36,914		34,188	-	24,704	-

The ratio expresses the level of current assets the Council has available to meet its current liabilities.

(vi) Adjusted Working Capital Ratio

(to assess a Council's ability to meet current commitments)

Current Assets	55,198 =	175%	53,662	= 183%	50,490	=	268%
Current Liabilities	31,631		29,334	_	18,816	-	

The ratio expresses the level of current assets the Council has available to meet its adjusted current liabilities.

Current liabilities have been reduced to reflect the long service leave that is shown as a current liability because Council does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting date, but is not likely to fall due within 12 months after the end of the period.

	2014	2013
	\$'000s	\$'000s
NOTE 37 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE		
Capital Expenditure Areas	10.000	40.007
Roads, Paths, Bridges and Carparks	16,602	13,997
Drainage	263	75
Land, Buildings and Improvements	4,002	4,352
Plant and Equipment	1,750	3,178
Furniture, Equipment and Intangibles	864	1,231
Playgrounds	584	423
Artworks	15	24
Landfill Cell Construction	27	1,006
Total Capital Works	24,108	24,286
Represented by:		
Asset Renewal (a)	18,617	14,260
New Assets (b)	3,510	4,038
Asset Expansion/ Upgrade (c)	1,981	5,988
Total Capital Works	24,108	24,286

Property, Infrastructure, Plant and Equipment and Intangibles

The movement between the previous year and the current year in Property, Infrastructure, Plant and Equipment and Intangibles as shown in the Balance Sheet links to the net of the following items:

Total Capital Works	24,108	24,286
Depreciation and Amortisation	(22,195)	(20,004)
Less Written Down Value of Assets Disposed	(1,103)	(856)
Developer Contributed Assets	4,578	2,150
Landfill Provision Present Value Increase	71	744
Asset Revaluation Reserve	866	91,521
Net Movement in Property, Infrastructure, Plant and Equipment and Intangibles	6,325	98,247

(a) Asset Renewal

Expenditure on an existing asset which returns the service potential or the life of the asset up to that which it had originally. It is periodically required expenditure, relatively large (material) in value compared with the value of the components or subcomponents of the asset being renewed. As it reinstates existing service potential, it has no impact on revenue, but may reduce future operating and maintenance expenditure if completed at the optimum time.

(b) New Assets

Expenditure which creates a new asset that provides a new service that did not previously exist. New asset expenditure does not have any element of renewal, expansion or upgrade of existing assets. New capital expenditure may or may not result in additional revenue for council and will result in an additional burden for future operation, maintenance and capital renewal.

(c) Asset Expansion/ Upgrade

Expenditure that extends the capacity of an existing asset to provide benefits, at the same standard as is currently enjoyed by existing beneficiaries, to new users. It is discretionary expenditure which increases future operating and maintenance costs, because it increases council's asset base, but may be associated with additional revenue from the new user group.

Expenditure which enhances an existing asset to provide a higher level of service or that will increase the life of the asset beyond that which it originally had. Asset upgrade expenditure is discretional and often does not result in additional revenue unless direct user charges apply. It will increase operating and maintenance expenditure in the future because of the increase in the council's asset base.

6.3 CERTIFICATION of the Financial Statements

In my opinion the accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1989*, the *Local Government (Finance and Reporting) Regulations 2004*, Australian Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements.

Principal Accounting Officer

Matthew Rogers, CPA Dated: 15 September 2014

In our opinion the accompanying financial statements present fairly the financial transactions of the Latrobe City Council for the year ended 30 June 2014 and the financial position of the Council as at the date.

As at the date of signing, we are not aware of any circumstances which would render any particulars in the financial statements to be misleading or inaccurate.

We have been authorised by the Council on 15 September 2014 to certify the financial statements in their final form.

Councillor

Cr. Darrell White Dated: 15 September 2014

Councillor

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Cr. Michael Rossiter Dated: 15 September 2014

Acting Chief Executive Officer

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John Mitchell Dated: 15 September 2014

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6.4.1 Standard Income Statement

STANDARD INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

		Actual	Budget		
	REF	2013/14	2013/14	Varia	nces
		\$'000s	\$'000s	\$'000s	%
INCOME					
Rates		66,355	66,530	(175)	-
Operating Grants and Contributions	1	20,965	23,504	(2,539)	(11)
Capital Grants and Contributions	2	6,977	11,777	(4,800)	(41)
Interes t	3	1,566	1,223	343	28
User Fees and Charges	4	16,203	14,060	2,143	15
Other Income	5	2,655	1,869	786	42
Developer Contributions	6	36	72	(36)	(50)
Developer Contributed Assets	7	4,578	2,000	2,578	129
Total Income		119,336	121,035	(1,699)	(1)
EXPENSES					
Employee Costs	8	(49,900)	(49,696)	(204)	-
Materials and Services	9	(32,686)	(31,995)	(691)	2
Bad and Doubtful Debts	10	(8)	(18)	10	(57)
Finance Costs		(1,211)	(1,337)	126	(9)
Other Expenditure	11	(5,151)	(4,378)	(773)	18
Depreciation and Amortisation		(22,195)	(22,100)	(95)	-
Net loss on disposal of Property, Infrastructure, Plant and Equipment	12	(533)		(533)	100
Total Expenses		(111,683)	(109,525)	(2,158)	2
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		7,653	11,510	(3,857)	(34)
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME					
Other	13	866	19,130	(18,264)	(95)
Total Comprehensive Income for the Year		8,519	30,639	(22,120)	(72)

STANDARD INCOME STATEMENT

Variance Explanation Report

REF	ITEM	COMMENTARY
1	Operating Grants and Contributions	Outcome: Unfavourable \$2.539 million or 11%
		The unfavourable variance is mainly as a result of Victoria Grants Commission funding for the 2013/14 financial year that was advanced to Council in the previous financial year, no such advance was made in June 2014.
2	Capital Grants and Contributions	Outcome: Unfavourable \$4.800 million or 41%
		The unfavourable variance is mainly a result of funding originally budgeted for the Moe Rail Precinct Revitalisation and other projects which are now expected to be received during the 2014/2015 financial year.
3	Interest	Outcome: Favourable \$0.343 million or 28%
	Additional interest income was achieved mainly due to greater than expected cash holdings as a result of the receipt of additional program and project funding in advance of the timing of expenditure and some delays in capital works projects.	
4	4 User Fees and Charges	Outcome: Favourable \$2.143 million or 15%
		The additional income is primarily due to greater than expected commercial & industrial waste received at Council's Landfill facility. Other favourable variances were received for child care and subdivision supervision fees.
5	Other Income	Outcome: Favourable \$0.786 million or 42%
		The additional income relates to an insurance claim refund for Moe Tennis Complex together with greater than budgeted interest on outstanding rates and charges.
6	Developer Contributions	Outcome: Unfavourable \$0.036 million or 50%
		Cash contributions from developers were lower than expected mainly due to the timing of these contributions being difficult to predict.
7	Developer Contributed Assets	Outcome: Favourable \$2.578 million or 129%
		Infrastructure asset contributions from developers were higher than expected mainly due to the timing of these contributions being difficult to predict.
8	Employee Costs	Outcome: Unfavourable \$0.204 million or 0%
		The additional expenditure was mainly a result of higher than expected parental leave, workcover premium, recruitment costs and overtime associated with the February fires.
9	Materials and Services	Outcome: Unfavourable \$0.691 million or 2%
		The additional expenditure was mainly a result of additional costs associated with the February Fires and mine fire response which is expected to be recouped through Natural Disaster funding in 2014/2015.

STANDARD INCOME STATEMENT (Continued)

Variance Explanation Report

REF	ITEM	COMMENTARY
10	Bad and Doubtful Debts	Outcome: Favourable \$0.010 million or 57%
		The favourable result is primarily due to a doubtful debt recognised in the previous financial year that was subsequently received in full in the 2013/14 financial year.
11	1 Other Expenditure	Outcome: Unfavourable \$0.773 million or 18%
		The additional expenditure is mainly due to higher than expected Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) levies as a result of the higher than expected commercial and industrial waste received at Council's landfill facility. These levies are recouped through user fees and charges.
12	Net loss on disposal of Property,	Outcome: Unfavourable \$0.533 million or 100%
	Infrastructure, Plant and Equipment	During the financial year a review of Council's Infrastructure assets identified some duplications and assets which were no longer controlled by Council and were subsequently disposed.
13	Other Comprehensive Income	Outcome: Unfavourable \$18.264 million or 95%
		An anticipated revaluation of Council's infrastructure assets was unable to be completed during the financial year meaning that only the Land Under Roads asset class was revalued. Reference to inflation factors suggested that any indexation increments would be immaterial.

6.4.2 Standard Balance Sheet

STANDARD BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 2014

		Actual	Budget	Varia	nces
	REF	2013/14	2013/14		
		\$'000s	\$'000s	\$'000s	%
CURRENT ASSETS	4	45.042	17.026	20.046	470
Cash and Cash Equivalents and Financial Assets	1	45,942	17,026	28,916	170
Trade and Other Receivables	2	8,962	9,087	(125)	(1)
Prepayments	2	293	354	(61)	(17)
Total Current Assets		55,198	26,467	28,731	109
NON-CURRENT ASSETS					
Trade and Other Receivables	3	17	10	7	68
Property, Plant, Equipment and Intangibles	4	1,036,275	996,071	40,204	4
Financial Assets		2	2	-	-
Total Non-Current Assets		1,036,294	996,083	40,211	4
TOTAL ASSETS		1,091,492	1,022,550	68,941	7
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Trade and Other Payables	5	10,942	7,267	3,675	51
Interest-Bearing Liabilities	6	10,823	3,316	7,507	226
Provisions - Employee Benefits		10,815	10,976	(161)	(1)
Provisions - Landfill Improvements	7	2,120	1,500	620	41
Trust Funds and Deposits	8	2,214	1,566	648	41
Total Current Liabilities		36,914	24,625	12,289	50
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Interest-Bearing Liabilities	9	8,828	16,557	(7,729)	(47)
Provisions - Employee Benefits		1,370	1,538	(168)	(11)
Provisions - Landfill Improvements	10	13,628	11,580	2,048	18
Total Non-Current Liabilities		23,827	29,675	(5,848)	(20)
TOTAL LIABILITIES		60,740	54,300	6,440	12
NET ASSETS		1,030,751	968,250	62,501	6
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Accumulated Surplus	11	628,307	620,939	7,368	1
Asset Revaluation Reserve	12 12	400,119	345,433	54,686	16 24
Other Reserves	13	2,325	1,878	447 62 501	24 6
TOTAL EQUITY		1,030,751	968,250	62,501	0

STANDARD BALANCE SHEET

Variance Explanation Report

REF	ITEM	COMMENTARY
1	Cash and Cash Equivalents and	Outcome: Favourable \$28.916 million or 170%
	Financial Assets	Cash and financial assets are higher than budgeted mainly due to the early receipt of government grant funding, together with incomplete capital works at the end of the reporting period.
2	Prepayments	Outcome: Unfavourable \$0.061 million or 17%
		The level of prepayments lower than expected mainly due to the later than expected receipt of software maintenance invoices for 2014/2015.
3	current	Outcome: Favourable \$0.007 million or 68%
		Minor variance showing as large percentage due small budget amount.
4	Property, Plant, Equipment and	Outcome: Favourable \$40.204 million or 4%
	Intangibles	The additional valuation is mainly a result of asset revaluations that were processed at the end of the 2012/13 financial year but after the 2013/14 budget had been prepared.
5	Trade and Other Payables	Outcome: Unfavourable \$3.675 million or 51%
		The value of supplier invoices received after 30 June for works performed in the 2013/2014 reporting period was higher than anticipated in the budget which allowed for these payments being made prior year end.
6	Interest-Bearing Liabilities	Outcome: Unfavourable \$7.507 million or 226%
		Council's 2013/14 borrowings have been placed in a short term loan facility pending the first issuance of the Local Government Funding Vehicle. As the short term facility matures in the new financial year the whole amount is required to be treated as current as at balance date.
7	Provisions – Landfill Improvements	Outcome: Unfavourable \$0.620 million or 41%
	(Current)	The current provision is higher than anticipated due to works budgeted for 2013/14 that have not been completed as at the balance date.
8	Trust Funds and Deposits	Outcome: Unfavourable \$0.648 million or 41%
		The higher than budgeted balance is due to greater than anticipated holdings of security deposits and contract retention amounts at the end of the financial year.
9	Interest-Bearing Liabilities – (Non-	Outcome: Favourable \$7.729 million or 41%
	current)	Council's 2013/14 borrowings have been placed in a short term loan facility pending the first issuance of the Local Government Funding Vehicle. As the short term facility matures in the new financial year the whole amount is required to be treated as current as at balance date. The budget assumed a ten year loan with nine years of principal repayment treated as non-current.

STANDARD BALANCE SHEET (Continued)

Variance Explanation Report

REF	ITEM	COMMENTARY
10	Provisions – Landfill Improvements	Outcome: Unfavourable \$2.048 million or 18%
	(Non Current)	This provision is higher than anticipated as a result of delays in commencing rehabilitation works together with increments in the provision due to inflation and present value calculations.
11	Accumulated Surplus	Outcome: Favourable \$7.368 million or 1%
		The increased surplus relates mainly to higher than expected opening equity in the 2013/14 financial year partially offset by a lower than expected surplus in the current reporting period. The additional surplus was largely due to government grants and other funds received in advance together with some other project/program expenditures that were delayed to the 2013/14 financial year.
12	Asset Revaluation Reserve	Outcome: Favourable \$54.686 million or 16%
		The additional balance is mainly a result of asset revaluations that were processed at the end of the 2012/13 financial year but after the 2013/14 budget had been prepared.
13	Other Reserves	Outcome: Favourable \$0.447 million or 24%
		The additional balance is due to delays in drainage works that were earmarked to be funded from reserve during the reporting period.

6.4.3 Standard Cash Flow Statement

STANDARD CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

		ACTUAL	BUDGET		
	REF	2013/14	2013/14	VARIAI	NCES
		\$'000s	\$'000s	\$'000s	%
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES					
Receipts					
Rates and Charges		65,560	65,534	26	-
User Fees and Fines	1	16,973	14,060	2,913	21
Grants	2	27,793	35,209	(7,416)	(21)
Interest	3	1,739	1,223	516	42
Developer Contributions	4	36	72	(36)	(50)
Other Receipts	5	1,581	1,941	(360)	(19)
		113,683	118,039	(4,356)	(4)
Payments					
Employee Costs		(49,289)	(49,112)	(177)	-
Other Payments	6	(46,130)	(46,467)	337	(1)
		(95,419)	(95,579)	160	-
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities		18,263	22,460	(4,197)	(19)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES					
Proceeds from Property, Plant and Equipment		570	621	(51)	(8)
Payments for Property, Plant and Equipment	7	(24,108)	(41,216)	17,108	42
Net movement in Financial Assets	8	16,190	-	16,190	(100)
Net Cash Flows from/(used in) Investing Activities		(7,348)	(40,595)	33,247	(82)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES					
Finance Costs		(1,211)	(1,337)	126	9
Proceeds from Borrowings		8,970	8,970	-	-
R epayment of B orrowings		(3,705)	(3,483)	(222)	(6)
Net Cash Flows from/(used in) Financing Activities		4,054	4,150	(96)	-
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents		14,970	(13,985)	28,955	207
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Financia Year	il 9	27,663	31,011	(3,348)	(11)
Cash at End of Financial Year		42,632	17,026	25,606	150

STANDARD CASH FLOW STATEMENT

Variance Explanation Report

REF	ITEM	COMMENTARY
1	User Fees and Fines	Outcome: Favourable \$2.913 million or 21%
		The additional income is primarily due to greater than expected commercial & industrial waste received at Council's Landfill facility. Other favourable variances were received for child care and subdivision supervision fees.
2	Grants	Outcome: Unfavourable \$7.416 million or 21%
		The unfavourable variance is mainly as a result of Victoria Grants Commission funding for the 2013/14 financial year that was advanced to Council in the previous financial year, no such advance was made in June 2014. The other factor was Capital grants that are now expected to be received in the 2014/2015 reporting period.
3	Interest	Outcome: Favourable \$0.516 million or 42%
		Additional interest income was achieved mainly due to greater than expected cash holdings as a result of the receipt of additional program and project funding in advance of the timing of expenditure and some delays in capital works projects.
4	Developer Contributions	Outcome: Unfavourable \$0.036 million or 50%
		Cash contributions from developers were lower than expected mainly due to the timing of these contributions being difficult to predict.
5	Other Receipts	Outcome: Unfavourable \$0.360 million or 19%
		Cash flow for other receipts is lower than expected mainly due to higher than expected outstanding sundry debtors as at the balance date.
6	Other Payments	Outcome: Favourable \$0.337 million or 1%
		The lower than anticipated level of payments was mainly due to delayed project and program expenditure which will now be incurred in the 2014/2015 financial year.
7	Payments for Property , Plant and Equipment	Outcome: Favourable \$17.108 million or 42%
		The lower than anticipated level of payments was mainly due to delayed capital project expenditure which will now be incurred in the 2014/2015 financial year
8	Net movement in Financial Assets	Outcome: Favourable \$16.190 million or 100%
		Payments for term deposits with an original maturity of greater than 90 days were treated as Cash and Cash Equivalents in the budget but have been actually classified as Financial Assets as a result of advice from the Victorian Auditor General's Office.
9	Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Financial Year	Outcome: Unfavourable \$3.348 million or 11%
	Beginning of Financial Year	The lower than expected balance at the beginning of the year was mainly due to term deposits with an original maturity of greater than 90 days which were treated as Cash and Cash Equivalents in the budget but have been actually classified as Financial Assets as a result of advice from the Victorian Auditor General's Office. This was largely offset by funding that was advanced to Council in the previous financial year together with capital and operational projects funds which were carried forward to be expended in 2013/14.

6.4.4 Standard Capital Works Statement

	REF	Actual 2013/14	Budget 2013/14	Varia	nces
		\$'000s	\$'000s	\$'000s	%
CAPITAL WORKS AREAS					
Roads, Paths, Bridges and Carparks	1	16,602	19,283	(2,682)	(14)
Drainage	2	263	1,361	(1,097)	(81)
Land, Buildings and Improvements	3	4,002	13,205	(9,203)	(70)
Plant and Equipment	4	1,750	2,291	(541)	(24)
Furniture, Equipment and Intangibles		864	800	64	8
Playgrounds	5	584	761	(176)	(23)
Artworks		15	15	-	-
Landfill Cell Construction	6	27	3,500	(3,473)	(99)
Total Capital Works		24,108	41,216	(17,108)	(42)
Represented by:					
AssetRenewal		18,617	18,802	(185)	(1)
New Assets	7	3,510	17,615	(14,105)	(80)
Asset Expansion/ Upgrade	8	1,981	4,799	(2,818)	(59)
Total Capital Works		24,108	41,216	(17,108)	(42)

STANDARD CAPITAL WORKS STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

Property, Infrastructure, Plant and Equipment and Intangibles movement reconciliation worksheet

Total Capital Works	24,108	41,216	(17,108)	(42)
Depreciation and Amortisation	(22,195)	(22,100)	(95)	-
Less Written down value of assets sold	(529)	(621)	92	(15)
Developer contributed assets	4,578	2,000	2,578	129
Write-off Previously Recognised Assets	(574)	-	(574)	100
Landfill Provision present value increase	71	-	71	100
Asset Revaluation Reserve	866	19,130	(18,264)	(95)
Net movement in Property, Infras truc ture, Plant and Equipment and Intangibles	6,325	39,625	(33,300)	(84)

STANDARD CAPITAL WORKS STATEMENT

Variance Explanation Report

REF	ITEM	COMMENTARY
1	Roads, Paths, Bridges and Carparks	Outcome: Under budget \$2.682 million or 14%
		The lower than anticipated expenditure is largely due to delays experienced in Churchill Activity Centre Plan works, road rehabilitation projects, rural gravel road sealing program and the timber haulage program. These funds will be carried over to complete these projects in the 2014/2015 financial reporting period.
2	Drainage	Outcome: Under budget \$1.097 million or 81%
		The variance relates to delays in drainage projects including Moe North West, Crinigan Road and Milburn Court. These funds will be carried over to complete these projects in the 2014/2015 financial reporting period.
3	Land, Buildings and Improvements	Outcome: Under budget \$9.203 million or 70%
		The variance relates mainly to the Moe Rail Precinct Revitalisation Project stage 1 which was originally budgeted to commence in 2013/14 but due to delays in securing funding will now be commenced in the 2014/2015 financial reporting period. Other major carry forward projects include Hazelwood Pondage wastewater and Latrobe Regional Airport upgrade works.
4	Plant and Equipment	Outcome: Under budget \$0.541 million or 24%
		Due to a review of Council's Motor Vehicle Framework there was a delay in the fleet replacement program for the year, unspent funds are planned to be carried forward for expenditure in the 2014/2015 financial reporting period.
5	Playgrounds	Outcome: Under budget \$0.176 million or 23%
		The variance relates mainly to delays in the Morwell Town Common AAA Playground project as a result of later than expected timing of external funding confirmation.
6	Landfill Cell Construction	Outcome: Under budget \$3.473 million or 99%
		The construction of cell 4 is now expected to commence in the 2014/2015 financial reporting period.
7	New Assets	Outcome: Under budget \$14.105 million or 80%
		The variance relates mainly to the delays in the Moe Rail Precinct Revitalisation Program, Landfill Cell Construction, Latrobe Regional Airport, Hazelwood Pondage wastewater and Churchill Activity Centre Plan works.
8	Asset Expansion/ Upgrade	Outcome: Under budget \$2.818 million or 59%
		The variance relates mainly to delays in Rural Gravel Road Sealing Program, Timber Haulage Program, and drainage upgrade works.

6.4.5 Basis of Preparation of Standard Statements

BASIS OF PREPARATION OF STANDARD STATEMENTS

Council is required to prepare and include audited Standard Statements within its Annual Report. Four Statements are required a Standard Income Statement, a Standard Balance Sheet, a Standard Cash Flow Statement, and a Standard Capital Works Statement, together with explanatory notes.

These statements and supporting notes form a special purpose financial report prepared to meet the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1989* and Local Government (Finance and Reporting) Regulations 2004.

The Standard Statements have been prepared on an accounting basis consistent with those used for the General Purpose Financial Statements and the Budget. The results reported in these statements are consistent with those reported in the General Purpose Financial Statements.

The Standard Statements are not a substitute for the General Purpose Financial Statements, which are included at the beginning of the Financial Statements section of the Annual Report. They have not been prepared in accordance with all Australian Accounting Standards or other authoritative professional pronouncements.

The Standard Statements compare council's financial plan, expressed through its budget, with actual performance. The *Local Government Act 1989* requires explanation of any material variances. The City has adopted a materiality threshold of 10 per cent or \$250,000. Explanations have not been provided for variations below the materiality threshold unless the variance is considered to be material because of its nature.

The budget figures included in the Statements are those adopted by Council on 5 August 2013. The budget was based on assumptions that were relevant at the time of adoption of the budget. The Council set guidelines and parameters for revenue and expense targets in this budget in order to meet council's business plan and financial performance targets for both the short and long term. The budget did not reflect any changes to equity resulting from asset revaluations, as their impacts were not considered predictable.

Detailed information on the actual financial results is contained in the General Purpose Financial Statements. The detailed budget can be obtained by contacting council. The Standard Statements must be read with reference to these documents.

6.5 CERTIFICATION of the Standard Statements

In my opinion the accompanying standard statements have been prepared on accounting bases consistent with the financial statements and in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1989*, the *Local Government (Finance and Reporting) Regulations 2004*.

Principal Accounting Officer

Matthew Rogers, CPA Dated: 15 September 2014

In our opinion the accompanying standard statements have been prepared on accounting bases consistent with the financial statements and in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1989* and the *Local Government (Finance and Reporting) Regulations 2004.*

As at the date of signing, we are not aware of any circumstances which would render any particulars in the standard statements to be misleading or inaccurate.

We have been authorised by the Council on 15 September 2014 to certify the standard statements in their final form.

Councillor

Cr. Darrell White Dated: 15 September 2014

Councillor

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Cr. Michael Rossiter Dated: 15 September 2014

Acting Chief Executive Officer

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Dated: 15 September 2014

6.6 AUDITOR GENERAL'S Report on Financial and Standard Statements

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Councillors, Latrobe City Council

The Financial Report and Standard Statements

The accompanying financial report for the year ended 30 June 2014 of the Latrobe City Council which comprises comprehensive income statement, balance sheet, statement of changes in equity, statement of cash flows, notes comprising a summary of the significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the certification of the financial report has been audited.

The accompanying standard statements for the year ended 30 June 2014 of Latrobe City Council which comprises standard income statement, standard balance sheet, standard cash flow statement, standard capital works statement, the related notes and the certification of standard statement have been audited.

The Councillors' Responsibility for the Financial Report and Standard Statements

The Councillors of the Latrobe City Council are responsible for the preparation and the fair presentation of:

- the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, and the financial reporting requirements of the Local Government Act 1989
- the standard statements in accordance with the basis of preparation as described in note 1 to the statements and the requirements of the Local Government Act 1989.

The Councillors are responsible for such internal control as the Councillors determine is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and standard statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

As required by the *Audit Act 1994* and the *Local Government Act 1989*, my responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report and standard statements based on the audit, which has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require compliance with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and that the audit be planned and performed to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report and standard statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report and standard statements. The audit procedures selected depend on judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report and standard statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, consideration is given to the internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and standard statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control.

An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of the accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the Councillors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report and standard statements.

Independent Auditor's Report (continued)

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

Independence

The Auditor-General's independence is established by the *Constitution Act 1975*. The Auditor-General is not subject to direction by any person about the way in which his powers and responsibilities are to be exercised. In conducting the audit, the Auditor-General, his staff and delegates complied with all applicable independence requirements of the Australian accounting profession.

Opinion

In my opinion:

- (a) the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Latrobe City Council as at 30 June 2014 and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with applicable Australian Accounting Standards, and the financial reporting requirements of the Local Government Act 1989
- (b) the standard statements present fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with the basis of preparation as described in note 1 to the statements and the requirements of the Local Government Act 1989.

Basis of Accounting for Standard Statements

Without modifying my opinion, I draw attention to Note 1 to the standard statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The standard statements are prepared to meet the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1989*. As a result, the standard statements may not be suitable for another purpose.

Matters Relating to the Electronic Publication of the Audited Financial Report and Standard Statements

This auditor's report relates to the financial report and standard statements of the Latrobe City Council for the year ended 30 June 2014 included both in the Latrobe City Council's annual report and on the website. The Councillors of the Latrobe City Council are responsible for the integrity of the Latrobe City Council's website. I have not been engaged to report on the integrity of the Latrobe City Council's website. The auditor's report refers only to the subject matter described above. It does not provide an opinion on any other information which may have been hyperlinked to/from these statements. If users of the financial report and standard statements are concerned with the inherent risks arising from publication on a website, they are advised to refer to the hard copy of the audited financial report and standard statements to confirm the information contained in the website version of the financial report and standard statements.

€∽ Dr Peter Frost Acting Auditor-General

MELBOURNE 17 September 2014

> 2 Auditing in the Public Interest

6.7 PERFORMANCE STATEMENT

The Performance Statement reports the result of Strategic Activities adopted by Council in its annual budget in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

JOB CREATION AND ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY

KEY STRATEGIC ACTIVITY

In accordance with the Economic Sustainability Strategy advocate for the creation of an industrial park and the Gippsland Logistics Precinct.

Achieved - within the 2013/14 financial year, with performance targets met, as outlined below.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE	TARGET	ACTUAL
Cost	Latrobe City Council's financial contribution during the 2013/14 financial year will be limited to resources allocated within Council's adopted budget.	Achieved. Latrobe City Council allocated \$40,762 within the adopted budget towards the Gippsland Heavy Industry Park and the Gippsland Logistics Precinct, with actual expenditure of \$29,637 incurred.
Time	The Ordinary Council Meeting, at which a report detailing progress and activities during 2013/14 financial year will be presented to Council for consideration, will be no later than 30 June 2014.	Achieved. A report detailing the progress of the Gippsland Heavy Industry Park was presented to the 3 March 2014 Council meeting
Quantity	A report on the progress support of the creation of an industrial park and the Gippsland Logistics Precinct will be presented to Council for consideration.	Achieved. A report detailing the progress of the Gippsland Heavy Industry Park was presented to the 3 March 2014 Council meeting.
Quality	The creation of an industrial park and Gippsland Logistics Precinct are prioritised within Economic Sustainability Strategy 2011 as key Latrobe City Employment Zones.	Achieved. The Gippsland Heavy Industry Park and Gippsland Logistics Precinct are key employment zones within the Economic Sustainability Strategy 2011-2015.

2.0 OUR COUNCIL

JOB CREATION & ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY

KEY STRATEGIC ACTIVITY In accordance with the Economic Sustainability Strategy, present the outcomes of 2014 Gippsland Major Projects and Opportunities Summit to Council.

Not Achieved – This event was cancelled due to bushfires and the Morwell Mine fire.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE	TARGET	ACTUAL
Cost	Latrobe City Council's financial contribution during the 2013/14 financial year will be limited to resources allocated within Council's adopted budget.	Not Achieved. As the event was not delivered the budget for the event was not expended.
Time	The Ordinary Council Meeting, at which a report detailing the outcomes of the Summit will be presented to Council for consideration, will be no later than 31 April 2014.	Not Achieved. The planned event has been cancelled due to the Hazelwood Mine fire.
Quantity	At least 80 representatives of business and government will attend the 2014 Gippsland Major Projects and Opportunities Summit.	Not Achieved. 270 invitees indicated an intention to attend the event.
Quality	The 2014 Gippsland Major Projects and Opportunities Summit will present details of five or more identified major investment opportunities within Gippsland.	Not Achieved. The preparation of the Summit was fully complete however due to the impact of the Hazelwood Mine fire the event was cancelled.

APPROPRIATE, AFFORDABLE & SUSTAINABLE FACILITIES, SERVICES & RECREATION

KEY STRATEGIC ACTIVITY

Develop a Latrobe City Council 2013-2017 Arts Strategy and Action Plan for Council endorsement.

Not Achieved - This project is now behind schedule with a tender process for consultancy scheduled to be undertaken during July 2014.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE	TARCET	ACTUAL
Cost	Latrobe City Council's financial contribution during the 2013/14 financial year will be limited to resources allocated within Council's adopted budget.	Achieved. Putting Locals First Program funding confirmed (\$40K), total budget now \$60K with a \$20K budget allocation from Latrobe City Council. Year to date actuals are \$0.
Time	The Ordinary Council Meeting, at which the 2013-2017 Arts Strategy and supporting action plan is presented to Council for consideration, will be no later than 30 June 2014.	Not Achieved. A project brief has been prepared and funding application with the State Government Putting Local First Program has been received. This project is now behind schedule with a tender process for consultancy scheduled to be undertaken during July 2014. The project has been deferred and will now be delivered during the 2014-2015 financial year. The decision has been made due to insufficient resources and workload priorities.
Quantity	An Arts Strategy which is adopted by Council.	Not Achieved. Funding has been confirmed, project will now be progressed during 2014-2015.
Quality	The creation of an Arts Strategy will guide Council in the future in respect to its provision of Arts based facilities and programs, with a view of increasing participation in the Arts.	Not Achieved. A project brief has been prepared.

APPROPRIATE, AFFORDABLE & SUSTAINABLE FACILITIES, SERVICES & RECREATION

KEY STRATEGIC ACTIVITY

Complete the development of master plans for Morwell and Traralgon Recreation Reserves.

Not Achieved - The Morwell Recreation Reserve Precinct Master plan was adopted by Council on 30/6/2014. A Council report presenting the Traralgon Recreation Reserve & Showgrounds master plan was presented to Council on 30/6/2014 seeking a deferment until further engagement activities have been undertaken.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE	TARGET	ACTUAL
Cost	Latrobe City Council's financial contribution during the 2013/14 financial year will be limited to resources allocated within Council's adopted budget.	Achieved. Latrobe City Council allocated \$119,800 within the adopted budget towards the master plans for Morwell and Traralgon Recreation Reserves, with actual expenditure of \$117,272 incurred.
Time	The Ordinary Council Meeting, at which the master plan for Morwell and Traralgon Recreation Reserves is presented to Council for consideration, will be no later than 30 June 2014.	Achieved. The Morwell Recreation Reserve Precinct Master Plan and the Traralgon Recreation Reserve & Showgrounds master plan were presented to Council on 30/6/2014.
Quantity	The two master plans will be presented to Council following extensive engagement with the key users and stakeholders of the two reserves, as well as the wider community.	Not Achieved. The Morwell Recreation Reserve Precinct Master plan was adopted by Council on 30/6/2014. A Council report presenting the Traralgon Recreation Reserve & Showgrounds master plan was presented to Council on 30/6/2014 seeking a deferment until further engagement activities have been undertaken.
Quality	Both of the master plans when completed will provide clear direction for the future development of the precincts and be supporting documents for the future pursuit of external funding.	Not Achieved. The Morwell Recreation Reserve Precinct master plan was adopted by Council on 30/6/2014.

EFFICIENT, EFFECTIVE & ACCOUNTABLE GOVERNANCE

KEY STRATEGIC ACTIVITY

Review Council's procurement policy to maximise the proportion of local goods and services purchased.

Achieved - within the 2013/14 financial year, with performance targets met, as outlined below.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE	TARGET	ACTUAL
Cost	Latrobe City Council's financial contribution during the 2013/14 financial year will be limited to resources allocated within Council's adopted budget.	Achieved. Latrobe City Council's contribution was limited to the cost of internal resources only.
Time	The Ordinary Council Meeting, at which a revised procurement policy is presented to Council for consideration, will be no later than 30 June 2014.	Achieved. The Procurement Policy was adopted by Council on 7 October 2013 and 6 November following further amendments. Another review was undertaken in January 2014 with Council amending the Policy on 28 January 2014.
Quantity	A procurement policy which is adopted by Council.	Achieved. The Procurement Policy was adopted by Council on 7 October 2013 and 6 November following further amendments. Another review was undertaken in January 2014 with Council amending the Policy on 28 January 2014. Policy incorporated weightings consistent with maximising use of local providers.
Quality	The adopted procurement policy will be compliant with the <i>Local Government Act 1989</i> and consistent with the Victorian Local Government Procurement Best Practice Guidelines 2013.	Achieved. The policy is compliant with Local Government Act and best Practice Guidelines.

(Latrobe City Council acknowledges the subjective nature of this measure, but is constrained in its ability to provide an alternative quality measure that is quantifiable within the reporting period).

ADVOCACY FOR & CONSULTATION WITH OUR COMMUNITY

KEY STRATEGIC ACTIVITY Develop and conduct a program of Councillor Meetings with peak industry and community bodies.

Achieved - within the 2013/14 financial year, with performance targets met, as outlined below.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE	TARGET	ACTUAL
Cost	Latrobe City Council's financial contribution during the 2013/14 financial year will be limited to resources allocated within Council's adopted budget.	Achieved. Latrobe City Council's contribution was limited to the cost of internal resources only.
Time	The Ordinary Council Meeting, at which a report outlining progress on the program of meetings will be presented to Council of consideration no later than 30 June 2014.	Achieved. A Council Report 'Summary of meetings between Latrobe City Council and Peak Industry Bodies' was considered and noted by Council at its Ordinary Meeting on 30 June 2014.
Quantity	A minimum of three meetings will be scheduled.	Achieved. Three meetings were held between peak industry bodies and Latrobe City Council including; AGL Loy Yang on 6 February 2014, Qube Logistics on 8 May 2014 and Port of Hastings Development Authority on 23 May 2014.
Quality	Meetings will be consistent with Council's new innovative and holistic approach to job creation, economic development, investment attraction and the transformation of Latrobe City.	Achieved. Meetings with peak industry bodies included discussion around the opportunities and challenges associated with job creation, economic development and investment attraction for Latrobe City. A summary of meeting discussion is outlined in the Council report 'Summary of meetings between Latrobe City Council and Peak Industry Bodies' which was noted by Council at its Ordinary Meeting on 30 June 2014.

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

KEY STRATEGIC ACTIVITY

Undertake improvements to Council's Statutory Planning procedures and delegations to improve timely processing of planning applications.

Achieved - within the 2013/14 financial year, with performance targets met, as outlined below.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE	TARGET	ACTUAL
Cost	Latrobe City Council's financial contribution during the 2013/14 financial year will be limited to resources allocated within Council's adopted budget.	Achieved. Latrobe City Council's contribution was limited to the cost of internal resources only.
Time	A service improvement plan will be developed and presented to Councillors and implementation commenced by 30 June 2014.	Achieved. A report was presented to Councillors on the 11 November 2013 and the implementation of process improvement, including changes to Delegations which were approved by Council on the 3 March 2014.
Quantity	A service improvement plan will be developed and presented to Councillors and implementation commenced.	Achieved. A service improvement plan was developed and presented to Councillors and the implementation of process improvement, including changes to Delegations have commenced.
Quality	The service improvement plan will be consistent with strategic directions provided in the Council Plan 2013/2017 and the Planning and Environment Act 1987.	Achieved. A recognised core objective of the Council Plan 2013/2017 requires the planning department to reduce time taken to process planning applications. The service improvement plan identified improvement processes, including a change in delegations to achieve this directive, If council fails to make a decision on an application within 60 statutory days, as per Regulation 31 of the Planning and Environment Regulations 2005, the applicant can apply for a review to VCAT. By implementing the outcomes of the Service Improvement Plan, Planning has improved the percentage of decisions made within 60 days from 33% August 2013 to 71% in June 2014, therefore providing efficient and effective outcomes for the community as required under the Council plan and the Act.

(Latrobe City Council acknowledges the subjective nature of this measure, but is constrained in its ability to provide an alternative quality measure that is quantifiable within the reporting period).

6.8 COUNCIL APPROVAL of the Performance Statement

In our opinion the accompanying performance statement of the Latrobe City Council in respect of the 2013/14 financial year is presented fairly.

At the time of signing we are not aware of any circumstance which would render any particular in the statement to be misleading or inaccurate.

We have been authorised by the Council on 15 September 2014 to certify the performance statement in its final form.

Councillor

Cr Darrell White Dated: 15 September 2014

Councillor

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Cr. Michael Rossiter Dated: 15 September 2014

Acting Chief Executive Officer

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John Mitchell Dated: 15 September 2014

6.9 AUDITOR GENERAL'S REPORT on the Performance Statement

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Councillors, Latrobe City Council

The Performance Statement

The accompanying performance statement for the year ended 30 June 2014 of the Latrobe City Council which comprises the statement, the related notes and the Council approval of the performance statement has been audited.

The Councillors' Responsibility for the Performance Statement

The Councillors of the Latrobe City Council are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the performance statement in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1989* and for such internal control as the Councillors determine is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of the performance statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

As required by the *Local Government Act 1989*, my responsibility is to express an opinion on the performance statement based on the audit, which has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require compliance with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and that the audit be planned and performed to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the performance statement is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the performance statement. The audit procedures selected depend on judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the performance statement, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, consideration is given to the internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the performance statement in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the overall presentation of the performance statement.

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

Independent Auditor's Report (continued)

Independence

The Auditor-General's independence is established by the *Constitution Act 1975*. The Auditor-General is not subject to direction by any person about the way in which his powers and responsibilities are to be exercised. In conducting the audit, the Auditor-General, his staff and delegates complied with all applicable independence requirements of the Australian accounting profession.

Auditor's Opinion

In my opinion, the performance statement of the Latrobe City Council in respect of the 30 June 2014 financial year presents fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1989*.

Matters Relating to the Electronic Publication of the Audited Performance Statement

This auditor's report relates to the performance statement of the Latrobe City Council for the year ended 30 June 2014 included both in the Latrobe City Council's annual report and on the website. The Councillors of the Latrobe City Council are responsible for the integrity of the Latrobe City Council's website. I have not been engaged to report on the integrity of the Latrobe City Council's website. The auditor's report refers only to the subject matter described above. It does not provide an opinion on any other information which may have been hyperlinked to/from this statement. If users of the performance statement are concerned with the inherent risks arising from publication on a website, they are advised to refer to the hard copy of the audited performance statement to confirm the information contained in the website version of the performance statement.

MELBOURNE 17 September 2014

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