



Annual Report 2014/15

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General Information



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Localities

Bencubbin, Beacon, Cleary, Gabbin, Welbungin and Wialki.

Economy

The economic activity of the Shire is dominated by agriculture, including the growing of wheat, lupins, barley, peas, oats, canola and the breeding of sheep, pigs and cattle.

Local industries include retail, shearing, grain cleaning and servicing of farm machinery.

Significant Local Events

- Australia Day Community Breakfast and Shire Citizen of the Year presentation, held at the aquatic centre in Bencubbin;
- Australia Day Community BBQ held in Beacon;
- Mt Marshall & Districts Agricultural Show held annually in March.
- WAORRA Off Road Rally held annually on the June long weekend.

Tourist Attractions

Marshall Rock; Pergandes Granite Sheep Yards; Datjoin Well; Billiburning Rock; Wildflower season (August – September); Heritage Walk Trail (Bencubbin), Sandalwood Interpretation Centre (Bencubbin).

Statistics (2013/14)

Distance from Perth (km)	273
Area (sq km)	10,134
Length of Sealed Roads (km)	307
Length of Unsealed Roads (km)	1,440
Population	486
Number of Electors	389
Number of Dwellings	357
Total Rates Levied (\$)	1,169,610
Total Revenue (\$)	5,317,089
Number of Employees (FTE)	23

Shire History



The Sandalwood Shire

In September and November 1836 the Surveyor General Captain John Septimus Roe led a forty-day expedition out to the unknown east of the settled districts of the Avon Valley. Mt Marshall and Lake McDermott were named after Captain Marshall McDermott, an early settler to the Swan River Colony. Captain Roe was loathe to give any native names as he considered them unpronounceable and impossible to spell.

In 1889 Surveyor HS King fixed Trigg Station at Mt Marshall. When the Wyalkatchem-Mt Marshall Railway Line was built, the siding was not named as there was already a Mt Marshall in Tasmania.

Sandalwooders and graziers were the early settlers in the Mt Marshall area. The first grazing lease was taken up in 1868. Sandalwood was removed from this area from the 1880's through to the 1920's. Permanent settlement and the development and clearing of the land for farms commenced around 1910.

The Mt Marshall Roads Board was formed in 1923.



The Council



The Shire of Mt Marshall Council has an elected body of seven Councillors. The Council: govern the affairs of the shire; is responsible for the performance of the shire's functions; oversee the allocation of the shire's finances and resources; and determine the shire's policies.

Council is committed to providing open and accountable government that meets the needs of the community and protects and improves the shire's assets and resources.

The Chief Executive Officer has the responsibility for ensuring all decisions of Council comply with the Local Government Act, other relevant legislation and local laws. The Chief Executive Officer and staff undertake the tasks necessary to implement the decisions of the Council.

Elections

Elections for Councillors are conducted in October every second year with the term of office being four years. Approximately one half of Council's membership vacates each election. The next election is to be held in October 2015.

The President is elected by the members following each Local Government election, for a two year term.

President

Cr Robert Breakell

Deputy President

Cr Ian Sanders

Elected Members

Name	Contact	Years of Service	Term Expires
Cr John BEAGLEY	T: 08 9685 1247 john.beagley@mtmarshall.wa.gov.au	5	2017
Cr Robert BREAKELL	T: 08 9685 1315 robert.breakell@mtmarshall.wa.gov.au	8	2015
Cr Andrew DUNNE	T: 08 9686 1095 andrew.dunne@mtmarshall.wa.gov.au	2	2017
Cr Paul GILLET	T: 08 9686 2055 paul.gillett@mtmarshall.wa.gov.au	12	2017
Cr Des MIGUEL	T: 08 9048 6010 desmiquel@westnet.com.au	8	2015
Cr Jeff MUNNS	T: 08 9048 6050 jeff.munns@mtmarshall.wa.gov.au	2	2017
Cr Ian SANDERS	T: 08 9685 1213 ian.sanders@mtmarshall.wa.gov.au	4	2015

Wards

The Shire of Mt Marshall does not operate a ward structure ensuring all Councillors represent the whole of the shire instead of any particular ward which is considered outdated in modern local government environment.

Council Meetings

Ordinary meetings of Council are held on the third Tuesday of every month except January, and these meetings are open to the public. Meetings commence at the advertised times (generally 3:00pm) with a period of 15 minutes at the start of the meeting being set aside as public question time as required by the Local Government Act 1995.

Electors' General Meeting

An Electors' General Meeting is held each financial year typically in February with notification being provided in the local newspapers, shire notice boards and libraries.

Committees

The Shire of Mt Marshall has two standing committees: The Mt Marshall Audit Committee as required by the Local Government Act; and the Local Emergency Management Committee as required by the Emergency Management Act.

The Council has formally resolved to establish the following committees and working groups: Natural Resource Management Committee; Mt Marshall Safety Committee; Bush Fire Advisory Committee; The Gimlet Newspaper Committee; Beacon Bulletin Committee; History Working Group; Beacon Lifestyle Retirement Units Working Group; and Junior Council.

Representation on External Organisations

There are a number of external organisations on which the shire is represented including: Great Eastern Zone of WALGA; North Eastern Wheatbelt Organisation of Councils (NEWROC); North Eastern Wheatbelt Health Group Scheme; Wheatbelt North East Sub Regional Road Group; Rural Water Council; Kununoppin Medical Practice; Kununoppin Local Health Advisory Group; and Mt Marshall Land Conservation District Committee.

President's Report



In the reporting year 2014/2015 the Shire of Mt Marshall continues to provide excellent governance to the community.

A priority for Council this financial year has been the recruitment of a quality CEO that could stabilise and correct some concerning financial ratios highlighted by our auditor's mainly as a result of spending capital on non-shire assets.



The Shire has been very fortunate to have secured Mr Dirk Sellenger, a very experienced and proven performer in local government, in what is an extremely competitive market. Dirk immediately set about rectifying many long overdue staff structural issues in both the administration and works department. Most notably his appointment of a quality works supervisor in Allan Monson. I would like to commend Allan and his team, which have made considerable and immediate improvements to the works areas of the Shire and a large number of capital and maintenance projects have been completed in the past financial year under Allan's management totalling \$1,460,897.00.

Council has a number of exciting new initiatives continuing in the coming financial year including the construction of the 12 bedroom, 12 bathroom Workers Camp with large industrial kitchen complete with a corporate client willing to commit to almost \$400k of rental income to the Shire within the first 12 months of operating. Little Bees Day-care is another exciting initiative and I am confident that under the management of Dirk and his team this will prove to be another successful project to provide much needed and overdue day-care within our Shire and region.

The securing of \$1 million dollar grant from the highly competitive National Stronger Regions Fund has been another huge effort for Dirk and his team. This funding is for the much needed redevelopment of the Bencubbin Recreation Complex to improve the aging and vital Shire facility which has serviced the Mt Marshall community so well for the past 30 years. This project is a result of many years of hard work and much planning.

This year has also seen the end of the long ongoing issue of local government reform. However, I hope that in the upcoming years it will be revisited by the State Government as I believe it's necessary in a region such as ours due to populations declining and where finding people with the necessary skills to run our shires is becoming increasingly difficult.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the contributions made by the Councillors, particularly Deputy President, Ian Sanders who puts in a high volume of work largely behind the scenes. Thanks again to all the Staff and community volunteers for their contribution to the well-being of our Shire.

Cr Robert Breakell
President
2014/2015

CEO's Report



The 2014/2015 year saw some very challenging times for the Shire of Mt Marshall.

During the year we experienced a very low turnover of staff including senior and middle management. This has been essential to get some much needed continuity and stability back into the workforce which has experienced some of the highest turnovers in the state within the local government industry of staff at an upper Management / CEO level. Whilst some long term employees moved on to new positions within the Shire, others moved on for personal endeavours.



The challenge faced by all staff at the shire was further exacerbated by some budgetary restrictions and cutbacks required throughout the year.

As with the 2013/2014 year, we have had to dedicate a large amount of staff time to legislative requirements of compliance and integrated planning. While a lot of the criteria is making sure boxes are checked and transparency is obvious, these demands have created continued extra burdens on administrative operations.

The shire has always placed a large emphasis on road works and 2014/2015 was no different in this regard, while 2015/2016 will see the shire embark on an ambitious sealing and re-sealing programme. The forecasted works will take place concurrently with our already busy construction works and maintenance programme.

Sport and recreation remains an important element in our small communities with some of our various sporting clubs within the Shire experiencing long sought success in 2014/2015. The Shire looks forward to continuing to work closely with our clubs and community groups in 2015/2016 with the proposed implementation of a master sport and recreation plan across the district.

In conclusion I would like to thank Council for their support and direction, particularly our President, Cr Robert Breakell. Thanks also goes to all the administrative staff, the construction, maintenance and town staff for their dedication and hard work over the past twelve months. This commitment ensures the delivery of the shire's activities and services in an effective manner.

Dirk Sellenger
Chief Executive Officer



SHIRE OF MT MARSHALL

FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2015

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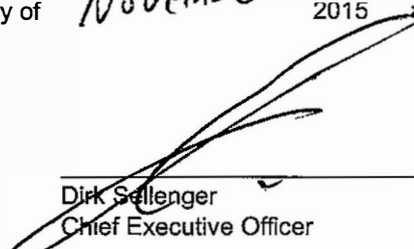
**SHIRE OF MT MARSHALL
FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2015**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1995
LOCAL GOVERNMENT (FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT) REGULATIONS 1996**

STATEMENT BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The attached financial report of the Shire being the annual financial report and other information for the financial year ended 30 June 2015 are in my opinion properly drawn up to present fairly the financial position of the Shire at 30th June 2015 and the results of the operations for the financial year then ended in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards and comply with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1995 and the regulations under that Act.

Signed as authorisation of issue on the 26th day of November 2015



Dirk Sellenger
Chief Executive Officer

SHIRE OF MT MARSHALL
STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
BY NATURE OR TYPE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2015

	NOTE	2015 \$	2015 Budget \$	2014 \$
Revenue				
Rates	22	1,198,101	1,125,761	1,095,451
Operating grants, subsidies and contributions	28	3,546,880	2,384,326	1,178,424
Fees and charges	27	318,211	246,800	278,892
Interest earnings	2(a)	89,825	105,724	125,837
Other revenue	2(a)	147,414	195,230	119,305
		<u>5,300,431</u>	<u>4,057,841</u>	<u>2,797,909</u>
Expenses				
Employee costs		(1,283,414)	(1,342,811)	(1,180,600)
Materials and contracts		(1,412,786)	(1,319,052)	(1,355,944)
Utility charges		(172,508)	(164,382)	(185,384)
Depreciation on non-current assets	2(a)	(2,834,160)	(2,623,182)	(2,529,417)
Interest expenses	2(a)	(23,673)	(25,346)	(30,986)
Insurance expenses		(199,843)	(130,475)	(136,077)
Other expenditure		(116,276)	(117,538)	(43,428)
		<u>(6,042,660)</u>	<u>(5,722,786)</u>	<u>(5,461,836)</u>
		(742,229)	(1,664,945)	(2,663,927)
Non-operating grants, subsidies and contributions	28	1,101,230	1,228,757	2,514,244
Profit on asset disposals	20	20,118	21,934	1,221
Loss on asset disposals	20	(6,499)	(17,819)	(132,477)
Net result		372,620	(432,073)	(280,939)
Other comprehensive income				
Changes on revaluation of non-current assets	12	22,592,410	0	5,462,076
Total other comprehensive income		22,592,410	0	5,462,076
Total comprehensive income		22,965,030	(432,073)	5,181,137

This statement is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

SHIRE OF MT MARSHALL
STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
BY PROGRAM
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2015

	NOTE	2015 \$	2015 Budget \$	2014 \$
Revenue	2(a)			
Governance		9,088	41,618	12,002
General purpose funding		4,654,357	3,463,621	2,313,802
Law, order, public safety		26,493	22,300	24,365
Education and welfare		107,775	52,600	52,557
Housing		109,050	86,000	100,110
Community amenities		119,997	63,910	91,626
Recreation and culture		51,763	17,090	21,314
Transport		12,997	67,000	18,385
Economic services		90,130	164,853	70,966
Other property and services		118,781	78,849	92,782
		<u>5,300,431</u>	<u>4,057,841</u>	<u>2,797,909</u>
Expenses	2(a)			
Governance		(466,819)	(423,743)	(368,630)
General purpose funding		(88,473)	(86,423)	(82,413)
Law, order, public safety		(56,400)	(55,330)	(44,460)
Health		(137,274)	(134,700)	(102,748)
Education and welfare		(191,399)	(176,797)	(173,656)
Housing		(130,235)	(84,104)	(160,667)
Community amenities		(289,168)	(326,060)	(291,651)
Recreation and culture		(1,148,730)	(738,875)	(802,774)
Transport		(3,142,087)	(3,311,949)	(3,135,360)
Economic services		(259,089)	(295,402)	(211,956)
Other property and services		(109,313)	(64,057)	(56,535)
		<u>(6,018,987)</u>	<u>(5,697,440)</u>	<u>(5,430,850)</u>
Finance costs	2(a)			
General purpose funding		(2,448)	(942)	(2,941)
Housing		(18,760)	(18,938)	(24,282)
Economic services		(2,465)	(5,466)	(3,763)
		<u>(23,673)</u>	<u>(25,346)</u>	<u>(30,986)</u>
Non-operating grants, subsidies and contributions				
General purpose funding		14,675	0	1,159,583
Law, order, public safety		0	0	3,750
Recreation and culture		0	0	145,585
Transport		1,086,555	1,228,757	1,205,326
	28	<u>1,101,230</u>	<u>1,228,757</u>	<u>2,514,244</u>
Profit/(Loss) on disposal of assets				
Governance		(3,043)	(2,214)	(5,383)
Community amenities		0	0	(158)
Recreation and culture		0	0	(24,728)
Transport		16,662	6,329	(9,685)
Economic services		0	0	(91,302)
	20	<u>13,619</u>	<u>4,115</u>	<u>(131,256)</u>
Net result		<u>372,620</u>	<u>(432,073)</u>	<u>(280,939)</u>
Other comprehensive income				
Changes on revaluation of non-current assets	12	22,592,410	0	5,462,076
Total other comprehensive income		<u>22,592,410</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,462,076</u>
Total comprehensive income		<u>22,965,030</u>	<u>(432,073)</u>	<u>5,181,137</u>

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**SHIRE OF MT MARSHALL
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 30TH JUNE 2015**

	NOTE	2015 \$	2014 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	4,089,239	2,446,769
Trade and other receivables	4	238,409	326,592
Inventories	5	10,749	12,006
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		4,338,397	2,785,367
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Other receivables	4	29,831	39,614
Property, plant and equipment	6	13,850,344	14,165,795
Infrastructure	7	91,148,156	69,499,765
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		105,028,331	83,705,174
TOTAL ASSETS		109,366,728	86,490,541
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	8	399,201	384,684
Current portion of long term borrowings	9	113,145	122,742
Provisions	10	257,074	234,721
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		769,420	742,147
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Long term borrowings	9	208,542	321,688
Provisions	10	11,040	14,010
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		219,582	335,698
TOTAL LIABILITIES		989,002	1,077,845
NET ASSETS		108,377,726	85,412,696
EQUITY			
Retained surplus		78,226,221	78,160,620
Reserves - Cash Backed	11	2,097,019	1,790,000
Revaluation surplus	12	28,054,486	5,462,076
TOTAL EQUITY		108,377,726	85,412,696

This statement is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

**SHIRE OF MT MARSHALL
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2015**

	NOTE	RETAINED SURPLUS \$	RESERVES CASH BACKED \$	REVALUATION SURPLUS \$	TOTAL EQUITY \$
Balance as at 1 July 2013		78,670,146	1,561,413	0	80,231,559
Comprehensive income					
Net result		(280,939)	0	0	(280,939)
Changes on revaluation of non-current assets	12	0	0	5,462,076	5,462,076
Total comprehensive income		(280,939)	0	5,462,076	5,181,137
Transfers from/(to) reserves		(228,587)	228,587	0	0
Balance as at 30 June 2014		78,160,620	1,790,000	5,462,076	85,412,696
Comprehensive income					
Net result		372,620	0	0	372,620
Changes on revaluation of non-current assets	12	0	0	22,592,410	22,592,410
Total comprehensive income		372,620	0	22,592,410	22,965,030
Transfers from/(to) reserves		(307,019)	307,019	0	0
Balance as at 30 June 2015		78,226,221	2,097,019	28,054,486	108,377,726

This statement is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

**SHIRE OF MT MARSHALL
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2015**

	NOTE	2015 \$	2015 Budget \$	2014 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES				
Receipts				
Rates		1,194,747	1,125,761	1,111,120
Operating grants, subsidies and contributions		3,619,343	2,429,413	1,183,656
Fees and charges		318,211	246,800	243,033
Interest earnings		89,825	105,724	125,837
Goods and services tax		19,595	292,300	362,590
Other revenue		147,414	195,230	102,363
		<u>5,389,135</u>	<u>4,395,228</u>	<u>3,128,599</u>
Payments				
Employee costs		(1,261,733)	(1,342,811)	(1,163,195)
Materials and contracts		(1,397,637)	(1,317,949)	(1,750,352)
Utility charges		(172,508)	(164,382)	(185,384)
Interest expenses		(25,346)	(25,346)	(32,684)
Insurance expenses		(199,843)	(130,475)	(136,077)
Goods and services tax		0	(292,300)	(330,882)
Other expenditure		(116,276)	(117,538)	(43,428)
		<u>(3,173,343)</u>	<u>(3,390,801)</u>	<u>(3,642,002)</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	13(b)	<u>2,215,792</u>	<u>1,004,427</u>	<u>(513,403)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES				
Payments for purchase of property, plant & equipment	6(b)	(354,152)	(498,403)	(2,364,411)
Payments for construction of infrastructure	7(b)	(1,348,954)	(1,796,100)	(1,526,195)
Non-operating grants, Subsidies and contributions		1,101,230	1,228,757	2,514,244
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	20	142,034	129,318	157,327
Net cash provided by (used in) investment activities		<u>(459,842)</u>	<u>(936,428)</u>	<u>(1,219,035)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES				
Repayment of debentures		(122,742)	(122,740)	(115,404)
Proceeds from self supporting loans		9,262	9,260	8,769
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities		<u>(113,480)</u>	<u>(113,480)</u>	<u>(106,635)</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash held		1,642,470	(45,481)	(1,839,073)
Cash at beginning of year		2,446,769	2,446,769	4,285,842
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	13(a)	<u><u>4,089,239</u></u>	<u><u>2,401,288</u></u>	<u><u>2,446,769</u></u>

This statement is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

**SHIRE OF MT MARSHALL
RATE SETTING STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2015**

	NOTE	2015 Actual \$	2015 Budget \$	2014 Actual \$
Revenue				
Governance		12,018	46,770	12,002
General purpose funding		3,492,017	2,337,860	2,385,611
Law, order, public safety		26,493	22,300	28,115
Education and welfare		107,775	52,600	52,557
Housing		109,050	86,000	100,110
Community amenities		119,997	63,910	91,626
Recreation and culture		51,763	17,090	166,899
Transport		1,116,740	1,312,539	1,224,932
Economic services		90,130	164,853	70,966
Other property and services		118,780	79,191	92,782
		<u>5,244,763</u>	<u>4,183,113</u>	<u>4,225,600</u>
Expenses				
Governance		(472,792)	(431,109)	(374,013)
General purpose funding		(90,921)	(87,365)	(85,355)
Law, order, public safety		(56,400)	(55,330)	(44,460)
Health		(137,274)	(134,700)	(102,748)
Education and welfare		(191,399)	(176,797)	(173,655)
Housing		(148,995)	(103,042)	(184,949)
Community amenities		(289,168)	(326,060)	(291,809)
Recreation and culture		(1,148,730)	(738,875)	(827,502)
Transport		(3,142,613)	(3,322,402)	(3,146,266)
Economic services		(261,554)	(300,868)	(307,021)
Other property and services		(109,312)	(64,399)	(56,535)
		<u>(6,049,158)</u>	<u>(5,740,947)</u>	<u>(5,594,313)</u>
Net result excluding rates		(804,395)	(1,557,834)	(1,368,713)
Adjustments for cash budget requirements:				
Non-cash expenditure and revenue				
(Profit)/Loss on asset disposals	20	(13,619)	(4,115)	131,256
Movement in employee benefit provisions (non-current)		(2,970)	0	(9,333)
Movement in employee benefit reserve (Added Back)		(22,485)	0	3,886
Depreciation and amortisation on assets	2(a)	2,834,160	2,623,182	2,529,417
Capital Expenditure and Revenue				
Purchase of land and buildings	6(b)	(111,943)	(100,000)	(1,762,730)
Purchase furniture & equipment		0	(20,000)	0
Purchase motor vehicles	6(b)	(193,773)	0	0
Purchase plant & equipment	6(b)	(17,740)	(378,403)	(584,681)
Purchase work in progress	6(b)	(30,696)	0	(17,000)
Purchase roads	7(b)	(1,296,286)	(1,419,869)	(1,518,592)
Purchase footpaths	7(b)	(39,942)	0	(4,910)
Purchase other infrastructure	7(b)	(12,726)	(376,231)	(2,693)
Proceeds from disposal of fixed assets	20	142,034	129,318	157,327
Repayment of debentures	21(a)	(122,742)	(122,740)	(115,404)
Proceeds from self supporting loans		9,262	9,260	8,769
Transfers to reserves (restricted assets)	11	(411,701)	(649,024)	(420,787)
Transfers from reserves (restricted assets)	11	104,682	60,000	192,200
ADD Estimated surplus/(deficit) July 1 b/fwd	22(b)	477,345	702,961	2,171,559
LESS Estimated surplus/(deficit) June 30 c/fwd	22(b)	1,663,480	22,266	477,345
Total amount raised from general rate	22(a)	<u>(1,177,015)</u>	<u>(1,125,761)</u>	<u>(1,087,774)</u>

This statement is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

SHIRE OF MT MARSHALL
NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2015

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of Preparation

The financial report comprises general purpose financial statements which have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (as they apply to local governments and not-for-profit entities), Australian Accounting Interpretations, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board, the Local Government Act 1995 and accompanying regulations. Material accounting policies which have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report are presented below and have been consistently applied unless stated otherwise.

Except for cash flow and rate setting information, the report has been prepared on the accrual basis and is based on historical costs, modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and liabilities.

Critical accounting estimates

The preparation of a financial report in conformity with Australian Accounting Standards requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that effect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses.

The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances; the results of which form the basis of making the judgements about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The local government reporting entity

All Funds through which the Shire controls resources to carry on its functions have been included in the financial statements forming part of this financial report.

In the process of reporting on the local government as a single unit, all transactions and balances between those Funds (for example, loans and transfers between Funds) have been eliminated.

All monies held in the Trust Fund are excluded from the financial statements. A separate statement of those monies appears at Note 19 to these financial statements.

(b) 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 Taxation Office (ATO).

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of GST receivable or payable.

The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with receivables or payables in the statement of financial position.

Cash flows are presented on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing or financing activities which are recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO are presented as operating cash flows.

(c) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, cash at bank, deposits available on demand with banks and other short term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value and bank overdrafts.

Bank overdrafts are reported as short term borrowings in current liabilities in the statement of financial position.

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(d) Trade and Other Receivables

Trade and other receivables include amounts due from ratepayers for unpaid rates and service charges and other amounts due from third parties for goods sold and services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Receivables expected to be collected within 12 months of the end of the reporting period are classified as current assets. All other receivables are classified as non-current assets.

Collectability of trade and other receivables is reviewed on an ongoing basis. Debts that are known to be uncollectible are written off when identified. An allowance for doubtful debts is raised when there is objective evidence that they will not be collectible.

(e) Inventories

General

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business less the estimated costs of completion and the estimated costs necessary to make the sale.

Land held for sale

Land held for development and sale is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost includes the cost of acquisition, development, borrowing costs and holding costs until completion of development. Finance costs and holding charges incurred after development is completed are expensed.

Gains and losses are recognised in profit or loss at the time of signing an unconditional contract of sale if significant risks and rewards, and effective control over the land, are passed on to the buyer at this point.

Land held for sale is classified as current except where it is held as non-current based on the Council's intentions to release for sale.

(f) Fixed Assets

Each class of fixed assets within either property, plant and equipment or infrastructure, is carried at cost or fair value as indicated less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Mandatory requirement to revalue non-current assets

Effective from 1 July 2012, the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations were amended and the measurement of non-current assets at Fair Value became mandatory.

The amendments allow for a phasing in of fair value in relation to fixed assets over three years as follows:

- (a) for the financial year ending on 30 June 2013, the fair value of all of the assets of the local government that are plant and equipment; and
 - (b) for the financial year ending on 30 June 2014, the fair value of all of the assets of the local government -
 - (i) that are plant and equipment; and
 - (ii) that are -
 - (I) land and buildings; or-
 - (II) Infrastructure;
- and
- (c) for a financial year ending on or after 30 June 2015, the fair value of all of the assets of the local government.

Thereafter, in accordance with the regulations, each asset class must be revalued at least every 3 years.

In 2013, the Shire commenced the process of adopting Fair Value in accordance with the Regulations.

Relevant disclosures, in accordance with the requirements of Australian Accounting Standards, have been made in the financial report as necessary.

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(f) Fixed Assets (Continued)

Land under control

In accordance with Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 16(a), the Shire was required to include as an asset (by 30 June 2013), Crown Land operated by the local government as a golf course, showground, racecourse or other sporting or recreational facility of State or Regional significance.

Upon initial recognition, these assets were recorded at cost in accordance with AASB 116. They were then classified as Land and revalued along with other land in accordance with the other policies detailed in this Note.

Initial recognition and measurement between mandatory revaluation dates

All assets are initially recognised at cost and subsequently revalued in accordance with the mandatory measurement framework detailed above.

In relation to this initial measurement, cost is determined as the fair value of the assets given as consideration plus costs incidental to the acquisition. For assets acquired at no cost or for nominal consideration, cost is determined as fair value at the date of acquisition. The cost of non-current assets constructed by the Shire includes the cost of all materials used in construction, direct labour on the project and an appropriate proportion of variable and fixed overheads.

Individual assets acquired between initial recognition and the next revaluation of the asset class in accordance with the mandatory measurement framework detailed above, are carried at cost less accumulated depreciation as management believes this approximates fair value. They will be subject to subsequent revaluation at the next anniversary date in accordance with the mandatory measurement framework detailed above.

Revaluation

Increases in the carrying amount arising on revaluation of assets are credited to a revaluation surplus in equity. Decreases that offset previous increases of the same asset are recognised against revaluation surplus directly in equity. All other decreases are recognised in profit or loss.

Land under roads

In Western Australia, all land under roads is Crown Land, the responsibility for managing which, is vested in the local government.

Effective as at 1 July 2008, Council elected not to recognise any value for land under roads acquired on or before 30 June 2008. This accords with the treatment available in Australian Accounting Standard AASB 1051 Land Under Roads and the fact Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 16(a)(i) prohibits local governments from recognising such land as an asset.

In respect of land under roads acquired on or after 1 July 2008, as detailed above, Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 16(a)(i) prohibits local governments from recognising such land as an asset.

Whilst such treatment is inconsistent with the requirements of AASB 1051, Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 4(2) provides, in the event of such an inconsistency, the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations prevail.

Consequently, any land under roads acquired on or after 1 July 2008 is not included as an asset of the Shire.

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(f) Fixed Assets (Continued)

Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets including buildings but excluding freehold land, are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the individual asset's useful life from the time the asset is held ready for use. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful life of the improvements.

When an item of property, plant and equipment is revalued, any accumulated depreciation at the date of the revaluation is treated in one of the following ways:

- a) Restated proportionately with the change in the gross carrying amount of the asset so that the carrying amount of the asset after revaluation equals its revalued amount; or
- b) Eliminated against the gross carrying amount of the asset and the net amount restated to the revalued amount of the asset.

Major depreciation periods used for each class of depreciable asset are:

Buildings	20 to 50 years
Furniture and equipment	4 to 10 years
Plant and equipment	5 to 15 years
Sealed roads and streets	
formation	not depreciated
pavement	50 years
seal	
- bituminous seals	20 years
- asphalt surfaces	25 years
Gravel roads	
formation	not depreciated
pavement	50 years
Formed roads (unsealed)	
formation	not depreciated
pavement	50 years
Footpaths - slab	20 years
Sewerage piping	100 years
Water supply piping and drainage systems	75 years

The assets residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period.

An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains and losses are included in the statement of comprehensive income in the period in which they arise.

Capitalisation threshold

Expenditure on items of equipment under \$5,000 is not capitalised. Rather, it is recorded on an asset inventory listing.

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(g) Fair Value of Assets and Liabilities

When performing a revaluation, the Shire uses a mix of both independent and management valuations using the following as a guide:

Fair Value is the price that the Shire would receive to sell the asset or would have to pay to transfer a liability, in an orderly (i.e. unforced) transaction between independent, knowledgeable and willing market participants at the measurement date.

As fair value is a market-based measure, the closest equivalent observable market pricing information is used to determine fair value. Adjustments to market values may be made having regard to the characteristics of the specific asset or liability. The fair values of assets that are not traded in an active market are determined using one or more valuation techniques. These valuation techniques maximise, to the extent possible, the use of observable market data.

To the extent possible, market information is extracted from either the principal market for the asset or liability (i.e. the market with the greatest volume and level of activity for the asset or liability) or, in the absence of such a market, the most advantageous market available to the entity at the end of the reporting period (i.e. the market that maximises the receipts from the sale of the asset after taking into account transaction costs and transport costs).

For non-financial assets, the fair value measurement also takes into account a market participant's ability to use the asset in its highest and best use or to sell it to another market participant that would use the asset in its highest and best use.

Fair value hierarchy

AASB 13 requires the disclosure of fair value information by level of the fair value hierarchy, which categorises fair value measurement into one of three possible levels based on the lowest level that an input that is significant to the measurement can be categorised into as follows:

Level 1

Measurements based on quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date.

Level 2

Measurements based on inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3

Measurements based on unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

The fair values of assets and liabilities that are not traded in an active market are determined using one or more valuation techniques. These valuation techniques maximise, to the extent possible, the use of observable market data. If all significant inputs required to measure fair value are observable, the asset or liability is included in Level 2. If one or more significant inputs are not based on observable market data, the asset or liability is included in Level 3.

Valuation techniques

The Shire selects a valuation technique that is appropriate in the circumstances and for which sufficient data is available to measure fair value. The availability of sufficient and relevant data primarily depends on the specific characteristics of the asset or liability being measured. The valuation techniques selected by the Shire are consistent with one or more of the following valuation approaches:

Market approach

Valuation techniques that use prices and other relevant information generated by market transactions for identical or similar assets or liabilities.

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(g) Fair Value of Assets and Liabilities (Continued)

Income approach

Valuation techniques that convert estimated future cash flows or income and expenses into a single discounted present value.

Cost approach

Valuation techniques that reflect the current replacement cost of an asset at its current service capacity.

Each valuation technique requires inputs that reflect the assumptions that buyers and sellers would use when pricing the asset or liability, including assumptions about risks. When selecting a valuation technique, the Shire gives priority to those techniques that maximise the use of observable inputs and minimise the use of unobservable inputs. Inputs that are developed using market data (such as publicly available information on actual transactions) and reflect the assumptions that buyers and sellers would generally use when pricing the asset or liability are considered observable, whereas inputs for which market data is not available and therefore are developed using the best information available about such assumptions are considered unobservable.

As detailed above, the mandatory measurement framework imposed by the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations requires, as a minimum, all assets carried at a revalued amount to be revalued at least every 3 years.

(h) Financial Instruments

Initial recognition and measurement

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the Shire becomes a party to the contractual provisions to the instrument. For financial assets, this is equivalent to the date that the Shire commits itself to either the purchase or sale of the asset (i.e. trade date accounting is adopted).

Financial instruments are initially measured at fair value plus transaction costs, except where the instrument is classified 'at fair value through profit or loss', in which case transaction costs are expensed to profit or loss immediately.

Classification and subsequent measurement

Financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value, amortised cost using the effective interest rate method, or at cost.

Amortised cost is calculated as:

- (a) the amount in which the financial asset or financial liability is measured at initial recognition;
- (b) less principal repayments and any reduction for impairment; and
- (c) plus or minus the cumulative amortisation of the difference, if any, between the amount initially recognised and the maturity amount calculated using the effective interest rate method.

The effective interest method is used to allocate interest income or interest expense over the relevant period and is equivalent to the rate that discounts estimated future cash payments or receipts (including fees, transaction costs and other premiums or discounts) through the expected life (or when this cannot be reliably predicted, the contractual term) of the financial instrument to the net carrying amount of the financial asset or financial liability. Revisions to expected future net cash flows will necessitate an adjustment to the carrying value with a consequential recognition of an income or expense in profit or loss.

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(h) Financial Instruments (Continued)

Classification and subsequent measurement (continued)

(i) Financial assets at fair value through profit and loss

Financial assets are classified at "fair value through profit or loss" when they are held for trading for the purpose of short-term profit taking. Such assets are subsequently measured at fair value with changes in carrying amount being included in profit or loss. Assets in this category are classified as current assets.

(ii) Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market and are subsequently measured at amortised cost. Gains or losses are recognised in profit or loss.

Loans and receivables are included in current assets where they are expected to mature within 12 months after the end of the reporting period.

(iii) Held-to-maturity investments

Held-to-maturity investments are non-derivative financial assets with fixed maturities and fixed or determinable payments that the Shire has the positive intention and ability to hold to maturity. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost. Gains or losses are recognised in profit or loss.

Held-to-maturity investments are included in non-current assets, where they are expected to mature within 12 months after the end of the reporting period. All other investments are classified as non-current.

(iv) Available-for-sale financial assets

Available-for-sale financial assets are non-derivative financial assets that are either not suitable to be classified into other categories of financial assets due to their nature, or they are designated as such by management. They comprise investments in the equity of other entities where there is neither a fixed maturity nor fixed or determinable payments.

They are subsequently measured at fair value with changes in such fair value (i.e. gains or losses) recognised in other comprehensive income (except for impairment losses). When the financial asset is derecognised, the cumulative gain or loss pertaining to that asset previously recognised in other comprehensive income is reclassified into profit or loss.

Available-for-sale financial assets are included in current assets, where they are expected to be sold within 12 months after the end of the reporting period. All other available-for-sale financial assets are classified as non-current.

(v) Financial liabilities

Non-derivative financial liabilities (excluding financial guarantees) are subsequently measured at amortised cost. Gains or losses are recognised in profit or loss.

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(h) Financial Instruments (Continued)

Impairment

A financial asset is deemed to be impaired if, and only if, there is objective evidence of impairment as a result of one or more events (a "loss event") having occurred, which will have an impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset(s).

In the case of available-for-sale financial assets, a significant or prolonged decline in the market value of the instrument is considered a loss event. Impairment losses are recognised in profit or loss immediately. Also, any cumulative decline in fair value previously recognised in other comprehensive income is reclassified to profit or loss at this point.

In the case of financial assets carried at amortised cost, loss events may include: indications that the debtors or a group of debtors are experiencing significant financial difficulty, default or delinquency in interest or principal payments; indications that they will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation; and changes in arrears or economic conditions that correlate with defaults.

For financial assets carried at amortised cost (including loans and receivables), a separate allowance account is used to reduce the carrying amount of financial assets impaired by credit losses. After having taken all possible measures of recovery, if management establishes that the carrying amount cannot be recovered by any means, at that point the written-off amounts are charged to the allowance account or the carrying amount of impaired financial assets is reduced directly if no impairment amount was previously recognised in the allowance account.

Derecognition

Financial assets are derecognised where the contractual rights to receipt of cash flows expire or the asset is transferred to another party whereby the Shire no longer has any significant continual involvement in the risks and benefits associated with the asset.

Financial liabilities are derecognised where the related obligations are discharged, cancelled or expired. The difference between the carrying amount of the financial liability extinguished or transferred to another party and the fair value of the consideration paid, including the transfer of non-cash assets or liabilities assumed, is recognised in profit or loss.

(i) Impairment of Assets

In accordance with Australian Accounting Standards the Shire's assets, other than inventories, are assessed at each reporting date to determine whether there is any indication they may be impaired.

Where such an indication exists, an impairment test is carried out on the asset by comparing the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, to the asset's carrying amount.

Any excess of the asset's carrying amount over its recoverable amount is recognised immediately in profit or loss, unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount in accordance with another Standard (e.g. AASB 116) whereby any impairment loss of a revalued asset is treated as a revaluation decrease in accordance with that other Standard.

For non-cash generating assets such as roads, drains, public buildings and the like, value in use is represented by the depreciated replacement cost of the asset.

(j) Trade and Other Payables

Trade and other payables represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the Shire prior to the end of the financial year that are unpaid and arise when the Shire becomes obliged to make future payments in respect of the purchase of these goods and services. The amounts are unsecured, are recognised as a current liability and are normally paid within 30 days of recognition.

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(k) Employee Benefits

Short-term employee benefits

Provision is made for the Shire's obligations for short-term employee benefits. Short-term employee benefits are benefits (other than termination benefits) that are expected to be settled wholly before 12 months after the end of the annual reporting period in which the employees render the related service, including wages, salaries and sick leave. Short-term employee benefits are measured at the (undiscounted) amounts expected to be paid when the obligation is settled.

The Shire's obligations for short-term employee benefits such as wages, salaries and sick leave are recognised as a part of current trade and other payables in the statement of financial position. The Shire's obligations for employees' annual leave and long service leave entitlements are recognised as provisions in the statement of financial position.

Other long-term employee benefits

Provision is made for employees' long service leave and annual leave entitlements not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months after the end of the annual reporting period in which the employees render the related service. Other long-term employee benefits are measured at the present value of the expected future payments to be made to employees. Expected future payments incorporate anticipated future wage and salary levels, durations of service and employee departures and are discounted at rates determined by reference to market yields at the end of the reporting period on government bonds that have maturity dates that approximate the terms of the obligations. Any remeasurements for changes in assumptions of obligations for other long-term employee benefits are recognised in profit or loss in the periods in which the changes occur.

The Shire's obligations for long-term employee benefits are presented as non-current provisions in its statement of financial position, except where the Shire does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least 12 months after the end of the reporting period, in which case the obligations are presented as current provisions.

(l) Borrowing Costs

Borrowing costs are recognised as an expense when incurred except where they are directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of a qualifying asset. Where this is the case, they are capitalised as part of the cost of the particular asset until such time as the asset is substantially ready for its intended use or sale.

(m) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Shire has a present legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured.

Provisions are measured using the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

(n) Leases

Leases of fixed assets where substantially all the risks and benefits incidental to the ownership of the asset, but not legal ownership, are transferred to the Shire, are classified as finance leases.

Finance leases are capitalised recording an asset and a liability at the lower amounts equal to the fair value of the leased property or the present value of the minimum lease payments, including any guaranteed residual values. Lease payments are allocated between the reduction of the lease liability and the lease interest expense for the period.

Leased assets are depreciated on a straight line basis over the shorter of their estimated useful lives or the lease term.

Lease payments for operating leases, where substantially all the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are charged as expenses in the periods in which they are incurred.

Lease incentives under operating leases are recognised as a liability and amortised on a straight line basis over the life of the lease term.

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(o) Investment in Associates

An associate is an entity over which the Shire has significant influence. Significant influence is the power to participate in the financial operating policy decisions of that entity but is not control or joint control of those policies. Investments in associates are accounted for in the financial statements by applying the equity method of accounting, whereby the investment is initially recognised at cost and adjusted thereafter for the post-acquisition change in the Shire's share of net assets of the associate. In addition, the Shire's share of the profit or loss of the associate is included in the Shire's profit or loss.

The carrying amount of the investment includes, where applicable, goodwill relating to the associate. Any discount on acquisition, whereby the Shire's share of the net fair value of the associate exceeds the cost of investment, is recognised in profit or loss in the period in which the investment is acquired.

Profits and losses resulting from transactions between the Shire and the associate are eliminated to the extent of the Shire's interest in the associate.

When the Shire's share of losses in an associate equals or exceeds its interest in the associate, the Shire discontinues recognising its share of further losses unless it has incurred legal or constructive obligations or made payments on behalf of the associate. When the associate subsequently makes profits, the Shire will resume recognising its share of those profits once its share of the profits equals the share of the losses not recognised.

(p) Interests in Joint Arrangements

Joint arrangements represent the contractual sharing of control between parties in a business venture where unanimous decisions about relevant activities are required.

Separate joint venture entities providing joint venturers with an interest to net assets are classified as a joint venture and accounted for using the equity method. Refer to note 1(o) for a description of the equity method of accounting.

Joint venture operations represent arrangements whereby joint operators maintain direct interests in each asset and exposure to each liability of the arrangement. The Shire's interests in the assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses of joint operations are included in the respective line items of the financial statements. Information about the joint ventures is set out in Note 16.

(q) Rates, Grants, Donations and Other Contributions

Rates, grants, donations and other contributions are recognised as revenues when the local government obtains control over the assets comprising the contributions.

Control over assets acquired from rates is obtained at the commencement of the rating period or, where earlier, upon receipt of the rates.

Where contributions recognised as revenues during the reporting period were obtained on the condition that they be expended in a particular manner or used over a particular period, and those conditions were undischarged as at the reporting date, the nature of and amounts pertaining to those undischarged conditions are disclosed in Note 2(c). That note also discloses the amount of contributions recognised as revenues in a previous reporting period which were obtained in respect of the local government's operations for the current reporting period.

(r) Superannuation

The Shire contributes to a number of Superannuation Funds on behalf of employees. All funds to which the Shire contributes are defined contribution plans.

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(s) Current and Non-Current Classification

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 12 months, being the Shire's operational cycle. In the case of liabilities where the Shire does not have the unconditional right to defer settlement beyond 12 months, such as vested long service leave, the liability is classified as current even if not expected to be settled within the next 12 months. Inventories held for trading are classified as current even if not expected to be realised in the next 12 months except for land held for sale where it is held as non-current based on the Shire's intentions to release for sale.

(t) Rounding Off Figures

All figures shown in this annual financial report, other than a rate in the dollar, are rounded to the nearest dollar.

(u) Comparative Figures

Where required, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform with changes in presentation for the current financial year.

When the Shire applies an accounting policy retrospectively, makes a retrospective restatement or reclassifies items in its financial statement, an additional (third) statement of financial position as at the beginning of the preceding period in addition to the minimum comparative financial statements is presented.

(v) Budget Comparative Figures

Unless otherwise stated, the budget comparative figures shown in this annual financial report relate to the original budget estimate for the relevant item of disclosure.

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1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(w) New Accounting Standards and Interpretations for Application in Future Periods

The AASB has issued a number of new and amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations that have mandatory application dates for future reporting periods, some of which are relevant to the Shire.

Management's assessment of the new and amended pronouncements that are relevant to the Shire, applicable to future reporting periods and which have not yet been adopted are set out as follows:

	Title	Issued / Compiled	Applicable ⁽¹⁾	Impact
(i)	AASB 9 Financial Instruments (incorporating AASB 2014-7 and AASB 2014-8)	December 2014	1 January 2018	Nil – The objective of this Standard is to improve and simplify the approach for classification and measurement of financial assets compared with the requirements of AASB 139. Given the nature of the financial assets of the Shire, it is not anticipated the Standard will have any material effect.
(ii)	AASB 2010-7 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 9 (December 2010) [AASB 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 101, 102, 108, 112, 118, 120, 121, 127, 128, 131, 132, 136, 137, 139, 1023 & 1038 and Interpretations 2, 5, 10, 12, 19 & 127]	September 2012	1 January 2018	Nil - The revisions embodied in this Standard give effect to the consequential changes arising from the issuance of AASB 9 which is not anticipated to have any material effect on the Shire (refer (i) above).
(iii)	AASB 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers	December 2014	1 January 2017	This Standard establishes principles for entities to apply to report useful information to users of financial statements about the nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows arising from a contract with a customer. The effect of this Standard will depend upon the nature of future transactions the Shire has with those third parties it has dealings with. It may or may not be significant.

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1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(w) New Accounting Standards and Interpretations for Application in Future Periods (Continued)

	Title	Issued / Compiled	Applicable ⁽¹⁾	Impact
(iv)	AASB 2013-9 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Conceptual Framework, Materiality and Financial Instruments [Operative date: Part C Financial Instruments - 1 January 2015]	December 2013	Refer title column	Part C of this Standard makes consequential amendments to AASB 9 and numerous other Standards and amends the permissions around certain applications relating to financial liabilities reissued at fair value. As the bulk of changes relate either to editorial or reference changes it is not expected to have a significant impact on the Shire.
(v)	AASB 2014-3 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Accounting for Acquisitions of Interests in Joint Operations [AASB 1 & AASB 11]	August 2014	1 January 2016	This Standard amends AASB 11: <i>Joint Arrangements</i> to require the acquirer of an interest (both initial and additional) in a joint operation in which the activity constitutes a business, as defined in AASB 3: <i>Business Combinations</i> , to apply all of the principles on business combinations accounting in AASB 3 and other Australian Accounting Standards except for those principles that conflict with the guidance in AASB 11; and disclose the information required by AASB 3 and other Australian Accounting Standards for business combinations. Since adoption of this Standard would impact only acquisitions of interests in joint operations on or after 1 January 2016, management believes it is impracticable at this stage to provide a reasonable estimate of such impact on the Shire's financial statements.
(vi)	AASB 2014-4 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Clarification of Acceptable Methods of Depreciation and Amortisation [AASB 116 & 138]	August 2014	1 January 2016	This Standard amends AASB 116 and AASB 138 to establish the principle for the basis of depreciation and amortisation as being the expected pattern of consumption of the future economic benefits of an asset. It also clarifies the use of revenue-based methods to calculate the depreciation of an asset is not appropriate nor is revenue generally an appropriate basis for measuring the consumption of the economic benefits embodied in an intangible asset. Given the Shire currently uses the expected pattern of consumption of the future economic benefits of an asset as the basis of calculation of depreciation, it is not expected to have a significant impact.

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1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(w) New Accounting Standards and Interpretations for Application in Future Periods (Continued)

Title	Issued / Compiled	Applicable ⁽¹⁾	Impact
(vii) AASB 2014-5 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 15	December 2014	1 January 2017	Consequential changes to various Standards arising from the issuance of AASB 15. It will require changes to reflect the impact of AASB 15.
(viii) AASB 2015-2 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Disclosure Initiative: Amendments to AASB 101 [AASB 7, 101, 134 & 1049]	January 2015	1 January 2016	This Standard amends AASB 101 to provide clarification regarding the disclosure requirements in AASB 101. Specifically, the Standard proposes narrow-focus amendments to address some of the concerns expressed about existing presentation and disclosure requirements and to ensure entities are able to use judgement when applying a Standard in determining what information to disclose in their financial statements. This Standard also makes editorial and consequential amendments as a result of amendments to the Standards listed in the title column. It is not anticipated it will have any significant impact on disclosures.
(ix) AASB 2015-3 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from the withdrawal of AASB 1031 Materiality	January 2015	1 July 2015	This Standard completes the withdrawal of references to AASB 1031 in all Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations, allowing it to be completely withdrawn. It is not anticipated it will have a significant impact as the principles of materiality remain largely unchanged.

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1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(w) New Accounting Standards and Interpretations for Application in Future Periods (Continued)

	Title	Issued / Compiled	Applicable ⁽¹⁾	Impact
(x)	AASB 2015-6 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Extending Related Party Disclosures to Not-for-Profit Public Sector Entities [AASB 10, 124 & 1049]	March 2015	1 July 2016	The objective of this Standard is to extend the scope of AASB 124 <i>Related Party Disclosures</i> to include not-for-profit sector entities. The Standard is expected to have a significant disclosure impact on the financial report of the Shire as both Elected Members and Senior Management will be deemed to be Key Management Personnel and resultant disclosures will be necessary.

Notes:

⁽¹⁾ Applicable to reporting periods commencing on or after the given date.

(x) Adoption of New and Revised Accounting Standards

During the current year, the Shire adopted all of the new and revised Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations which were compiled, became mandatory and which were applicable to its operations.

These new and revised Standards were:

AASB 2011-7
AASB 2012-3
AASB 2013-3
AASB 2013-8
AASB 2013-9 Parts A & B

Most of the Standards adopted had a minimal effect on the accounting and reporting practices of the Shire as they did not have a significant impact on the accounting or reporting practices or were either not applicable, largely editorial in nature, were revisions to help ensure consistency with presentation, recognition and measurement criteria of IFRSs or related to topics not relevant to operations.

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2. REVENUE AND EXPENSES

2015
\$

2014
\$

(a) Net Result

The Net result includes:

(i) Charging as an expense:

Auditors remuneration

- Audit of the annual financial report	23,530	14,625
- Other services	22,175	10,185

Depreciation

Non-specialised buildings	82,304	
Specialised buildings	183,225	
Buildings total	265,529	147,160
Furniture & Equipment	9,910	13,435
Motor Vehicles	43,866	38,262
Plant & Equipment	221,882	139,993
Roads	2,205,600	2,140,435
Footpaths	9,106	9,007
Drainage	8,189	8,190
Parks & Ovals	15,944	17,906
Sewage	164	164
Playground Equipment	6,100	0
Waste	2,171	0
Other Infrastructure	45,699	14,865
	<u>2,834,160</u>	<u>2,529,417</u>

Interest expenses (finance costs)

Debentures (refer Note 21 (a))	23,673	30,986
	<u>23,673</u>	<u>30,986</u>

(ii) Crediting as revenue:

Other revenue

Reimbursements and recoveries	54,558	75,739
Other	92,856	43,566
	<u>147,414</u>	<u>119,305</u>

	2015 Actual \$	2015 Budget \$	2014 Actual \$
Interest earnings			
- Reserve funds	57,576	79,024	56,800
- Other funds	20,197	18,000	61,694
Other interest revenue (refer note 26)	12,052	8,700	7,343
	<u>89,825</u>	<u>105,724</u>	<u>125,837</u>

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2. REVENUE AND EXPENSES (Continued)

(b) Statement of Objective

In order to discharge its responsibilities to the community, the Shire has developed a set of operational and financial objectives. These objectives have been established both on an overall basis, reflected by the Shire's Community Vision, and for each of its broad activities/programs.

COMMUNITY VISION

The Shire of Mt Marshall is an active, safe and vibrant community that works together with honesty and is respectful of the values of all. We are committed to a progressive, diverse and profitable community that supports healthy lifestyles sustained by positive social values and engaged youth. Our natural assets are valued, protected and enhanced for future generations.

Shire operations as disclosed in these financial statements encompass the following service orientated activities/programs.

GOVERNANCE

Objective: To provide a decision making process for the efficient allocation of scarce resources.

Activities:

Administration and operation of facilities and services to members of the Council.

Other costs that relate to the tasks of assisting elected members and ratepayers on matters which are not directly related to specific Shire services.

GENERAL PURPOSE FUNDING

Objective: To collect revenue to allow for the provision of services.

Activities:

Rates, general purpose government grants and interest revenue.

LAW, ORDER, PUBLIC SAFETY

Objective: To provide services to help ensure a safer community.

Activities:

Supervision of various by-laws, fire prevention, emergency services and animal control.

HEALTH

Objective: To provide an operational framework for good community health.

Activities:

Food and water quality, pest control, immunisation services, child health services and health education.

EDUCATION AND WELFARE

Objective: To meet the needs of the community in these areas.

Activities:

Management and support for families, children, youth and the aged within the community by providing Youth, Aged and Family Centres, Home and Community Aged Care Programs and assistance to schools.

HOUSING

Objective: To help ensure adequate housing.

Activities:

Provision of residential housing for council staff. Provision of housing for aged persons, low income families, government and semi government employees.

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2. REVENUE AND EXPENSES (Continued)

(b) Statement of Objective (Continued)

COMMUNITY AMENITIES

Objective: Provide services required by the community.

Activities:

Rubbish collection services and disposal of waste, stormwater drainage, protection of environment, town planning & regional development and other community amenities (cemeteries and public toilets).

RECREATION AND CULTURE

Objective: To establish and manage efficiently infrastructure and resources which will help the social wellbeing of the community.

Activities:

Public halls, recreation and aquatic centres, parks and reserves, libraries, heritage and culture.

TRANSPORT

Objective: To provide effective and efficient transport services to the community.

Activities:

Construction and maintenance of roads, footpaths, bridges; street cleaning and lighting, road verges, streetscaping and depot maintenance.

ECONOMIC SERVICES

Objective: To help promote the Municipality and improve its economic wellbeing.

Activities:

The regulation and provision of tourism, area promotion, building control, noxious weeds, vermin control and standpipes.

OTHER PROPERTY AND SERVICES

Activities:

Private works, public works overheads, plant and equipment operations, town planning schemes and activities not reported in the above programs.

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2. REVENUE AND EXPENSES (Continued)

(c) Conditions Over Grants/Contributions

Grant/Contribution	Function/ Activity	Opening Balance ⁽¹⁾ 1/07/13 \$	Received ⁽²⁾ 2013/14 \$	Expended ⁽³⁾ 2013/14 \$	Closing Balance ⁽¹⁾ 30/06/14 \$	Received ⁽²⁾ 2014/15 \$	Expended ⁽³⁾ 2014/15 \$	Closing Balance 30/06/15 \$
Royalties CLGF Funding - Local 11/12 - Upgrade Shire Office	General Purpose Funding	178,088	0	(178,088)	0	0	0	0
Royalties CLGF Funding - Local 11/12 - Bencubbin Bowling Green	General Purpose Funding	231,910	0	(231,910)	0	0	0	0
Dept of Regional Development & Lands - Workforce Planning Grant	Governance	5,675	0	(5,675)	0	0	0	0
Dept of Agriculture & Food - Dry Season Assistance Grant	Governance	10,000	0	(10,000)	0	0	0	0
Royalties CLGF Funding - Local 12/13 - Beacon Bowling Green	General Purpose Funding	0	381,059	(71,228)	309,831	0	(309,831)	0
State NRM Grant - Biodiversity Project	Community Amenities	0	25,000	(10,625)	14,375	0	(14,375)	0
CBH Contribution - Bushfire Brigades	Governance	0	3,750	0	3,750	0	(3,750)	0
Department of Water Water Collection Projects	Community Amenities	0	0	0	0	53,825	0	53,825
Department of Regional Development Aged Friendly Communities Grant	Education and Welfare	0	0	0	0	40,000	0	40,000
Federal Government - Roads to Recovery Funding	Transport	0	0	0	0	396,516	(331,306)	65,210
Total		425,673	409,809	(507,526)	327,956	490,341	(659,262)	159,035

Notes:

- (1) - Grants/contributions recognised as revenue in a previous reporting period which were not expended at the close of the previous reporting period.
- (2) - New grants/contributions which were recognised as revenues during the reporting period and which had not yet been fully expended in the manner specified by the contributor.
- (3) - Grants/contributions which had been recognised as revenues in a previous reporting period or received in the current reporting period and which were expended in the current reporting period in the manner specified by the contributor.

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	Note	2015 \$	2014 \$
3. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS			
Unrestricted		1,833,185	328,813
Restricted		<u>2,256,054</u>	<u>2,117,956</u>
		<u><u>4,089,239</u></u>	<u><u>2,446,769</u></u>
The following restrictions have been imposed by regulations or other externally imposed requirements:			
Leave reserve	11	88,157	110,645
Plant Replacement Reserve	11	321,880	253,971
Aged Care Units Reserve	11	64,386	62,441
Community Housing Reserve	11	37,001	35,887
Council Staff Housing Reserve	11	31,158	88,404
Public Amentities & Bldgs Reserve	11	621,407	602,641
Bencubbin Aquatic Centre Development Reserve	11	641,045	344,356
Community Bus Reserve	11	108,974	95,986
Bencubbin Recreation Complex Reserve	11	7,537	25,496
Office Equipment Reserve	11	15,085	14,628
Integrated Plann/Financial Reporting Reserve	11	16,029	15,545
Beacon Barracks Replacement Reserve	11	41,244	40,000
Economic Development Reserve	11	103,116	100,000
Unspent grants	2(c)	<u>159,035</u>	<u>327,956</u>
		<u><u>2,256,054</u></u>	<u><u>2,117,956</u></u>
4. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES			
Current			
Rates outstanding		89,524	86,170
Sundry debtors		173,052	217,333
Provision for doubtful debts		(56,468)	(51,895)
GST receivable		20,053	39,648
Loans - clubs/institutions		9,783	9,262
Accrued Income		2,465	2,664
Medical Practice Loan		<u>0</u>	<u>23,410</u>
		<u><u>238,409</u></u>	<u><u>326,592</u></u>
Non-current			
Loans - clubs/institutions		<u>29,831</u>	<u>39,614</u>
		<u><u>29,831</u></u>	<u><u>39,614</u></u>
5. INVENTORIES			
Current			
Fuel and materials		<u>10,749</u>	<u>12,006</u>
		<u><u>10,749</u></u>	<u><u>12,006</u></u>

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	2015 \$	2014 \$
6 (a). PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		
Land and buildings		
Freehold land at:		
- Independent valuation 2014 - level 2	876,000	876,000
- Independent valuation 2014 - level 3	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
	877,000	877,000
Land vested in and under the control of Council at:		
- Independent valuation 2014 - level 3	<u>372,057</u>	<u>372,057</u>
	<u>372,057</u>	<u>372,057</u>
	<u>1,249,057</u>	<u>1,249,057</u>
Non-specialised buildings at:		
- Independent valuation 2014 - level 2	2,418,000	2,418,000
- Additions after valuation - cost	111,943	0
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>(82,304)</u>	<u>0</u>
	2,447,639	2,418,000
Specialised buildings at:		
- Independent valuation 2014 - level 3	8,057,550	8,057,550
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>(183,225)</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>7,874,325</u>	<u>8,057,550</u>
	<u>10,321,964</u>	<u>10,475,550</u>
Total land and buildings	<u>11,571,021</u>	<u>11,724,607</u>
Furniture & Equipment at:		
- Additions after valuation - cost	246,309	253,643
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(189,649)</u>	<u>(187,073)</u>
	56,660	66,570
Motor Vehicles at:		
- Independent valuation 2013 - level 2	188,182	240,454
- Additions after valuation - cost	207,255	102,132
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(61,240)</u>	<u>(37,827)</u>
	334,197	304,759
Plant & Equipment at:		
- Independent valuation 2013 - level 2	1,642,273	1,657,727
- Management valuation 2013 - level 3	28,173	28,174
- Additions after valuation - cost	538,497	520,757
Less accumulated amortisation	<u>(368,173)</u>	<u>(153,799)</u>
	1,840,770	2,052,859
Work in progress at:		
- Additions after valuation - cost	47,696	17,000
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	47,696	17,000
	<u>13,850,344</u>	<u>14,165,795</u>

The fair value of property, plant and equipment is determined at least every three years in accordance with legislative requirements. Additions since the date of valuation are shown as cost, given they were acquired at arms length and any accumulated depreciation reflects the usage of service potential, it is considered the recorded written down value approximates fair value. At the end of each intervening period the valuation is reviewed and where appropriate the fair value is updated to reflect current market conditions. This process is considered to be in accordance with *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 17A (2)* which requires property, plant and equipment to be shown at fair value.

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6. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (Continued)

(b) Movements in Carrying Amounts

Movement in the carrying amounts of each class of property, plant and equipment between the beginning and the end of the current financial year.

	Balance at the Beginning of the Year \$	Additions \$	(Disposals) \$	Revaluation Increments/ (Decrements) \$	Impairment (Losses)/ Reversals \$	Depreciation (Expense) \$	Transfers \$	Carrying Amount at the End of Year \$
Freehold land	0 877,000	0	0	0	0		0	877,000
Land vested in and under the control of Council	0 372,057	0	0	0	0	0	0	372,057
Total land	0 1,249,057	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,249,057
Non-specialised buildings	0 2,418,000	111,943	0	0	0	(82,304)	0	2,447,639
Specialised buildings	8,057,550	0	0	0	0	(183,225)	0	7,874,325
Total buildings	10,475,550	111,943	0	0	0	(265,529)	0	10,321,964
Total land and buildings	11,724,607	111,943	0	0	0	(265,529)	0	11,571,021
Furniture & Equipment	66,570	0		0	0	(9,910)	0	56,660
Motor Vehicles	304,759	193,773	(120,469)	0	0	(43,866)	0	334,197
Plant & Equipment	2,052,859	17,740	(7,947)	0	0	(221,882)	0	1,840,770
Work in progress	17,000	30,696	0	0	0	0	0	47,696
Total property, plant and equipment	14,165,795	354,152	(128,416)	0	0	(541,187)	0	13,850,344

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6. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (Continued)

(c) Fair Value Measurements

Asset Class	Fair Value Hierarchy	Valuation Technique	Basis of valuation	Date of last Valuation	Inputs used
Land and buildings					
Freehold land	Level 3	Independent Valuation	See below	June 2014	Visual inspection, market knowledge
Land vested in and under the	Level 3	Independent Valuation	See below	June 2014	Visual inspection, market knowledge
Non-specialised buildings	Levels 2&3	Independent Valuation	See below	June 2014	Visual inspection, market knowledge
Specialised buildings	Levels 2&3	Independent Valuation	See below	June 2014	Visual inspection, market knowledge
Furniture & Equipment	Level 3	Management Valuation	See below	June 2015	Visual inspection, market knowledge
Motor Vehicles	Level 2	Independent Valuation	Market price	June 2014	Visual inspection, market knowledge
Plant & Equipment	Level 2&3	Independent Valuation	Market price	June 2014	Visual inspection, market knowledge

Level 3 inputs are based on assumptions with regards to future values and patterns of consumption utilising current information. If the basis of these assumptions were varied , they have the potential to result in a significantly higher or lower fair value measurement.

During the period there were no changes in the valuation techniques used by the local government to determine the fair value of property, plant and equipment using either level 2 or level 3 inputs.

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	2015 \$	2014 \$
7 (a). INFRASTRUCTURE		
Roads		
- Independent valuation 2015 - level 3	108,016,733	0
- Cost	0	101,464,014
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(21,681,094)</u>	<u>(35,409,825)</u>
	86,335,639	66,054,189
Footpaths		
- Independent valuation 2015 - level 3	1,091,023	0
- Cost		549,653
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(491,433)</u>	<u>(177,171)</u>
	599,590	372,482
Drainage		
- Cost	0	667,951
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>0</u>	<u>(225,277)</u>
	0	442,674
Parks & Ovals		
- Independent valuation 2015 - level 3	1,050,000	0
- Cost	0	272,761
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>0</u>	<u>(151,430)</u>
	1,050,000	121,331
Sewage		
- Cost	0	12,360
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>0</u>	<u>(493)</u>
	0	11,867
Playground Equipment		
- Independent valuation 2014 - level 3	59,500	59,500
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(6,100)</u>	<u>0</u>
	53,400	59,500
Waste		
- Cost	0	108,579
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>0</u>	<u>(23,357)</u>
	0	85,222
Airstrips		
- Independent valuation 2015 - level 3	<u>790,000</u>	<u>0</u>
	790,000	0
Other Infrastructure		
FV Valuation Infra - Other - Independent Level 3	2,352,500	2,352,500
- Additions after valuation - cost	12,726	0
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(45,699)</u>	<u>0</u>
	2,319,527	2,352,500
	<u>91,148,156</u>	<u>69,499,765</u>

The fair value of infrastructure is determined at least every three years in accordance with legislative requirements. Additions since the date of valuation are shown as cost. Given they were acquired at arms length and any accumulated depreciation reflects the usage of service potential, it is considered the recorded written down value approximates fair value. At the end of each intervening period the valuation is reviewed and, where appropriate, the fair value is updated to reflect current market conditions.

This process is considered to be in accordance with *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 17A (2)* which requires infrastructure to be shown at fair value.

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7. INFRASTRUCTURE (Continued)

(b) Movements in Carrying Amounts

Movement in the carrying amounts of each class of infrastructure between the beginning and the end of the current financial year.

	Balance as at the Beginning of the Year \$	Additions \$	(Disposals) \$	Revaluation Increments/ (Decrements) \$	Impairment (Losses)/ Reversals \$	Depreciation (Expense) \$	Transfers \$	Carrying Amount at the End of the Year \$
Roads	66,054,189	1,296,286	0	20,756,279	0	(2,205,600)	434,485	86,335,639
Footpaths	372,482	39,942	0	196,272	0	(9,106)	0	599,590
Drainage	442,674	0	0	0	0	(8,189)	(434,485)	0
Parks & Ovals	121,331	0	0	849,859	0	(15,944)	94,754	1,050,000
Sewage	11,867	0	0	0	0	(164)	(11,703)	0
Playground Equipment	59,500	0	0	0	0	(6,100)	0	53,400
Waste	85,222	0	0	0	0	(2,171)	(83,051)	0
Airstrips	0	0	0	790,000	0	0	0	790,000
Other Infrastructure	2,352,500	12,726	0	0	0	(45,699)	0	2,319,527
Total infrastructure	69,499,765	1,348,954	0	22,592,410	0	(2,292,973)	0	91,148,156

The revaluation of infrastructure assets resulted in an increase on revaluation of \$22,592,410 in the net value of infrastructure.

All of this increase was credited to the revaluation surplus in the Shire's equity (refer Note 12) and was recognised as Changes on Revaluation of non-current assets in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

Waste and Sewage asset categories have been combined with Parks & Ovals to group like with like.

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7. INFRASTRUCTURE (Continued)

(c) Fair Value Measurements

Asset Class	Fair Value Hierarchy	Valuation Technique	Basis of valuation	Date of last Valuation	Inputs used
Roads	Level 3	Inventory and condition survey	Gross Replacement cost	June 2015	Complete Roads pick up carried out by consultants, Talis, unit costs advised by Shire
Footpaths	Level 3	Inventory and condition survey	Gross Replacement cost	June 2015	Complete Roads pick up carried out by consultants, Talis, unit costs advised by Shire
Parks & Ovals	Level 3	Sighted by valuers: Griffin Advisory	Replacement with New Value and Fair Value	June 2015	Assets sighted by valuers, knowledge of industry average cost to replace
Playground Equipment	Level 3	Sighted by valuers: Griffin Advisory	Replacement with New Value and Fair Value	June 2014	Assets sighted by valuers, knowledge of industry average cost to replace
Airstrips	Level 3	Sighted by valuers: Griffin Advisory	Replacement with New Value and Fair Value	June 2015	Assets sighted by valuers, knowledge of industry average cost to replace
Other Infrastructure	Level 3	Sighted by valuers: Griffin Advisory	Replacement with New Value and Fair Value	June 2014	Assets sighted by valuers, knowledge of industry average cost to replace

Level 3 inputs are based on assumptions with regards to future values and patterns of consumption utilising current information. If the basis of these assumptions were varied, they have the potential to result in a significantly higher or lower fair value measurement.

During the period there were no changes in the valuation techniques used to determine the fair value of infrastructure using level 3 inputs.

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	2015	2014
	\$	\$
8. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES		
Current		
Sundry creditors	348,667	328,590
Accrued interest on debentures	1,772	3,445
Accrued salaries and wages	23,130	23,426
ATO liabilities	22,887	20,293
Accrued FBT	2,745	3,698
Income Rec'd in Advance	0	5,232
Rates received in advance	0	0
	<u>399,201</u>	<u>384,684</u>

9. LONG-TERM BORROWINGS

Current		
Secured by floating charge		
Debentures	113,145	122,742
	<u>113,145</u>	<u>122,742</u>
Non-current		
Secured by floating charge		
Debentures	208,542	321,688
	<u>208,542</u>	<u>321,688</u>

Additional detail on borrowings is provided in Note 21.

The Shire did not have any long term borrowings at the reporting date.

10. PROVISIONS

	Provision for Annual Leave \$	Provision for Long Service Leave \$	Total \$
Opening balance at 1 July 2014	108,487	126,234	234,721
Non-current provisions	0	14,010	14,010
	<u>108,487</u>	<u>140,244</u>	<u>248,731</u>
Additional provision	118,584	39,067	157,651
Amounts used	(94,925)	(39,099)	(134,024)
Increase in the discounted amount arising because of time and the effect of any change in the discounted rate	1,728	8,038	9,766
Balance at 30 June 2015	<u>133,874</u>	<u>134,240</u>	<u>268,114</u>
Comprises			
Current	133,874	123,200	257,074
Non-current	0	11,040	11,040
	<u>133,874</u>	<u>134,240</u>	<u>268,114</u>

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	2015 \$	2015 Budget \$	2014 \$
11. RESERVES - CASH BACKED			
(a) Leave Reserve			
Opening balance	110,645	110,645	106,759
Amount set aside / transfer to reserve	3,444	4,884	3,886
Amount used / transfer from reserve	(25,932)	0	0
	<u>88,157</u>	<u>115,529</u>	<u>110,645</u>
(b) Plant Replacement Reserve			
Opening balance	253,971	253,971	310,668
Amount set aside / transfer to reserve	67,909	71,212	11,303
Amount used / transfer from reserve	0	0	(68,000)
	<u>321,880</u>	<u>325,183</u>	<u>253,971</u>
(c) Aged Care Units Reserve			
Opening balance	62,441	62,441	60,249
Amount set aside / transfer to reserve	1,945	2,757	2,192
Amount used / transfer from reserve	0	0	0
	<u>64,386</u>	<u>65,198</u>	<u>62,441</u>
(d) Community Housing Reserve			
Opening balance	35,887	35,887	34,626
Amount set aside / transfer to reserve	1,114	1,583	1,261
Amount used / transfer from reserve	0	0	0
	<u>37,001</u>	<u>37,470</u>	<u>35,887</u>
(e) Council Staff Housing Reserve			
Opening balance	88,404	88,404	170,213
Amount set aside / transfer to reserve	2,754	3,903	6,191
Amount used / transfer from reserve	(60,000)	(60,000)	(88,000)
	<u>31,158</u>	<u>32,307</u>	<u>88,404</u>
(f) Public Amentities & Bldgs Reserve			
Opening balance	602,641	602,641	529,399
Amount set aside / transfer to reserve	18,766	276,605	73,242
Amount used / transfer from reserve	0	0	0
	<u>621,407</u>	<u>879,246</u>	<u>602,641</u>
(g) Bencubbin Aquatic Centre Development Reserve			
Opening balance	344,356	344,356	187,540
Amount set aside / transfer to reserve	296,689	265,202	156,816
Amount used / transfer from reserve	0	0	0
	<u>641,045</u>	<u>609,558</u>	<u>344,356</u>
(h) Community Bus Reserve			
Opening balance	95,986	95,986	73,316
Amount set aside / transfer to reserve	12,988	14,238	22,670
Amount used / transfer from reserve	0	0	0
	<u>108,974</u>	<u>110,224</u>	<u>95,986</u>
(i) Bencubbin Recreation Complex Reserve			
Opening balance	25,496	25,496	24,599
Amount set aside / transfer to reserve	791	1,126	897
Amount used / transfer from reserve	(18,750)	0	0
	<u>7,537</u>	<u>26,622</u>	<u>25,496</u>

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	2015 \$	2015 Budget \$	2014 \$
11. RESERVES - CASH BACKED (CONTINUED)			
(j) Office Equipment Reserve			
Opening balance	14,628	14,628	14,117
Amount set aside / transfer to reserve	457	646	511
Amount used / transfer from reserve	0	0	0
	<u>15,085</u>	<u>15,274</u>	<u>14,628</u>
(k) Integrated Planning Financial Reporting Reserve			
Opening balance	15,545	15,545	15,000
Amount set aside / transfer to reserve	484	686	545
Amount used / transfer from reserve	0	0	0
	<u>16,029</u>	<u>16,231</u>	<u>15,545</u>
(l) Beacon Barracks Replacement Reserve			
Opening balance	40,000	40,000	0
Amount set aside / transfer to reserve	1,244	1,766	40,000
Amount used / transfer from reserve	0	0	0
	<u>41,244</u>	<u>41,766</u>	<u>40,000</u>
(m) Economic Development Reserve			
Opening balance	100,000	100,000	0
Amount set aside / transfer to reserve	3,116	4,415	100,000
Amount used / transfer from reserve	0	0	0
	<u>103,116</u>	<u>104,415</u>	<u>100,000</u>
(n) Caravan Park Upgrade Reserve			
Opening balance	0	0	640
Amount set aside / transfer to reserve	0	0	23
Amount used / transfer from reserve	0	0	(663)
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
(o) Land and Road Development Reserve			
Opening balance	0	0	625
Amount set aside / transfer to reserve	0	0	23
Amount used / transfer from reserve	0	0	(648)
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
(p) Industrial Shed Reserve			
Opening balance	0	0	23,056
Amount set aside / transfer to reserve	0	0	841
Amount used / transfer from reserve	0	0	(23,897)
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
(q) Television and Radio Rebroadcasting Reserve			
Opening balance	0	0	10,606
Amount set aside / transfer to reserve	0	0	386
Amount used / transfer from reserve	0	0	(10,992)
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL RESERVES	<u>2,097,019</u>	<u>2,379,023</u>	<u>1,790,000</u>
Total Opening balance	1,790,000	1,790,000	1,561,413
Total Amount set aside / transfer to reserve	411,701	649,023	420,787
Total Amount used / transfer from reserve	(104,682)	(60,000)	(192,200)
TOTAL RESERVES	<u>2,097,019</u>	<u>2,379,023</u>	<u>1,790,000</u>

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11. RESERVES - CASH BACKED (CONTINUED)

All of the reserve accounts are supported by money held in financial institutions and match the amount shown as restricted cash in Note 3 to this financial report.

In accordance with council resolutions in relation to each reserve account, the purpose for which the funds are set aside are as follows:

- (a) Leave Reserve**
 - to be used to fund Long Service Leave required/other accrued leave.
- (b) Plant Replacement Reserve**
 - to fund the purchase of road construction plant, so as to avoid undue heavy burden in a single year.
- (c) Aged Care Units Reserve**
 - to be used for future maintenance costs (Funds of \$500 per unit per year).
- (d) Community Housing Reserve**
 - to fund future maintenance of Homeswest Joint Venture/Community Housing projects.
- (e) Council Staff Housing Reserve**
 - to fund the replacement of staff housing and any major maintenance.
- (f) Public Amenities & Bldgs Reserve**
 - to help fund future building maintenance requirements to the shire's buildings.
- (g) Bencubbin Aquatic Centre Development Reserve**
 - to finance future capital and maintenance upgrades for the Bencubbin Aquatic centre.
- (h) Community Bus Reserve**
 - to finance the replacement of the community bus.
- (i) Bencubbin Recreation Complex Reserve**
 - to provide funding for future extensions to the Bencubbin Complex.
- (j) Office Equipment Reserve**
 - to replace office equipment as required.
- (k) Integrated Planning Financial Reporting Reserve**
 - to set aside funds for expenditure on Council's integrated planning process.
- (l) Beacon Barracks Replacement Reserve**
 - to set aside funds for reconstruction or major maintenance on the Beacon Barracks.
- (m) Economic Development Reserve**
 - to set aside funds for Economic Development initiatives.
- (n) Caravan Park Upgrade Reserve**
 - to be used

The Economic Development and Public Amenities & Building reserves are expected to be utilised in 2015/16.

All other reserves are not expected to be used within a set period as further transfers to the reserve accounts are expected as funds are utilised.

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12. REVALUATION SURPLUS

Revaluation surpluses have arisen on revaluation of the following classes of non-current assets:

(a) Land and buildings

Opening balance	4,429,175	0
Revaluation increment	0	4,429,175
Revaluation decrement	0	0
	<u>4,429,175</u>	<u>4,429,175</u>

(b) Roads

Opening balance	0	0
Revaluation increment	20,756,279	0
Revaluation decrement	0	0
	<u>20,756,279</u>	<u>0</u>

(c) Footpaths

Opening balance	0	0
Revaluation increment	196,272	0
Revaluation decrement	0	0
	<u>196,272</u>	<u>0</u>

(d) Parks & Ovals

Opening balance	0	0
Revaluation increment	849,859	0
Revaluation decrement	0	0
	<u>849,859</u>	<u>0</u>

(e) Playground Equipment

Opening balance	50,909	0
Revaluation increment	0	50,909
Revaluation decrement	0	0
	<u>50,909</u>	<u>50,909</u>

(f) Airports

Opening balance	0	0
Revaluation increment	790,000	0
Revaluation decrement	0	0
	<u>790,000</u>	<u>0</u>

(g) Other Infrastructure

Opening balance	981,992	0
Revaluation increment	0	981,992
Revaluation decrement	0	0
	<u>981,992</u>	<u>981,992</u>

TOTAL ASSET REVALUATION SURPLUS

<u>28,054,486</u>	<u>5,462,076</u>
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13. NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

(a) Reconciliation of Cash

For the purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, cash includes cash and cash equivalents, net of outstanding bank overdrafts. Cash at the end of the reporting period is reconciled to the related items in the Statement of Financial Position as follows:

	2015 \$	2015 Budget \$	2014 \$
Cash and cash equivalents	<u>4,089,239</u>	<u>2,401,288</u>	<u>2,446,769</u>

(b) Reconciliation of Net Cash Provided By Operating Activities to Net Result

Net result	372,620	(432,073)	(280,939)
Non-cash flows in Net result:			
Depreciation	2,834,160	2,623,182	2,529,417
(Profit)/Loss on sale of asset	(13,619)	(4,115)	131,256
Changes in assets and liabilities:			
(Increase)/Decrease in receivables	88,704	45,087	(5,424)
(Increase)/Decrease in inventories	1,257	(17,720)	(3,283)
Increase/(Decrease) in payables	14,517	18,823	(371,948)
Increase/(Decrease) in provisions	19,383	0	1,762
Grants contributions for the development of assets	<u>(1,101,230)</u>	<u>(1,228,757)</u>	<u>(2,514,244)</u>
Net cash from operating activities	<u>2,215,792</u>	<u>1,004,427</u>	<u>(513,403)</u>

	2015 \$	2014 \$
(c) Undrawn Borrowing Facilities		
Credit Standby Arrangements		
Credit card limit	20,000	20,000
Credit card balance at balance date	<u>(1,319)</u>	<u>(274)</u>
Total amount of credit unused	<u>18,681</u>	<u>19,726</u>
Loan facilities		
Loan facilities - current	113,145	122,742
Loan facilities - non-current	<u>208,543</u>	<u>321,688</u>
Total facilities in use at balance date	<u>321,688</u>	<u>444,430</u>
Unused loan facilities at balance date	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

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14. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The Shire has no contingent liabilities as at the reporting date.

15. CAPITAL AND LEASING COMMITMENTS

(a) Operating Lease Commitments

The Shire did not have any future operating lease commitments at the reporting date.

(b) Capital Expenditure Commitments	2015	2014
	\$	\$
Contracted for:		
- capital expenditure projects (Workers Camp)	249,526	0
Payable:		
- not later than one year	249,526	0

The Shire did not have any further capital expenditure commitments at the reporting date.

Construction of the Workers Camp will be completed in August 2015. Prior to the development of this camp, there was no accommodation available in the Shire of Mt Marshall or nearby for construction workers.

Over the next two or three years, Watercorp will be undertaking considerable repair, maintenance and development work in relation to water collection, storage and transfer in the Eastern Wheatbelt. Council will take the opportunity to fill the gap in provision of accommodation for this and other future projects in the area. This will generate and support additional economic activity in the Shire of Mt Marshall.

The workers camp comprises cabins, camp kitchen and storage and will accommodate up to 21 people.

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16. JOINT VENTURE ARRANGEMENTS

The Shire of Mt Marshall participates in the following two joint ventures:

1. NEW Health joint venture which employs an Environmental Health/Building Surveyor to provide regulatory health and building assessment services to the member shires.

NEW Health is made up of the Shires of Wyalkatchem, Trayning, Mukinbudin, Koorda, Nungarin and Mt Marshall. Expenses in relation to this joint venture amount to \$47,486 in 2014/15.

2. WA GP Network which employs a General Practitioner to provide medical consultation and accident and emergency services to the member shires. Expenses in relation to this joint venture amounts to \$44,198 in 2014/15.

17. TOTAL ASSETS CLASSIFIED BY FUNCTION AND ACTIVITY

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
Governance	314,841	630,045
General purpose funding	2,585,860	86,170
Law, order, public safety	453,141	474,395
Health	76,992	103,410
Education and welfare	1,324,036	1,310,000
Housing	2,221,118	1,958,732
Community amenities	640,621	1,269,441
Recreation and culture	9,395,333	8,152,430
Transport	84,840,662	68,751,105
Economic services	1,067,891	1,089,581
Other property and services	1,826,048	2,018,424
Unallocated	4,620,185	646,808
	<u>109,366,728</u>	<u>86,490,541</u>

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	2015	2014	2013
18. FINANCIAL RATIOS			
Current ratio	3.06	1.06	2.66
Asset sustainability ratio	0.58	0.82	0.74
Debt service cover ratio	14.54	(1.59)	8.25
Operating surplus ratio	(0.43)	(1.72)	(0.75)
Own source revenue coverage ratio	0.28	0.29	0.31

The above ratios are calculated as follows:

Current ratio	$\frac{\text{current assets minus restricted assets}}{\text{current liabilities minus liabilities associated with restricted assets}}$
Asset sustainability ratio	$\frac{\text{capital renewal and replacement expenditure}}{\text{Depreciation expenses}}$
Debt service cover ratio	$\frac{\text{annual operating surplus before interest and depreciation}}{\text{principal and interest}}$
Operating surplus ratio	$\frac{\text{operating revenue minus operating expenses}}{\text{own source operating revenue}}$
Own source revenue coverage ratio	$\frac{\text{own source operating revenue}}{\text{operating expenses}}$

Notes:

Information relating to the **asset consumption ratio** and the **asset renewal funding ratio** can be found at Supplementary Ratio Information on Page 58 of this document.

Some ratios are distorted by timing of receipt of Financial Assistance Grants (FAGS).

FAGS grants received by the Shire in 2012/13, 2013/14 and 2014/15 were as follows:

	General	Roads	Total
FAGS received in	\$	\$	\$
2012/13	1,225,554	744,820	1,970,374
2013/14	704,871	384,832	1,089,703
2014/15	2,077,267	1,285,877	3,363,144

Approximately 50% of the following financial year's FAGS grants were receipted in 2012/13 and 2014/15, but not in 2013/14.

	General	Roads	Total
FAGS advance payments receipted in	\$	\$	\$
2012/13 for 2013/14	620,623	446,754	1,067,377
2014/15 for 2015/16	692,157	447,827	1,139,984

In a Shire where FAGS represents such a significant proportion of operating revenue, variation in timing of receipts between financial reporting years makes it very difficult to achieve meaningful year on year ratio comparisons. Adjustments below reflect these variations.

In 2012/13, income relating to the recognition of Land Under the Shire's control, and expenses as a result of a reduction of the valuation of the Shire's Plant & Equipment on adoption of Fair Value for that asset category impacted ratios.

If these events were ignored, ratios for the three years would have been as follows:

	2015	2014	2013
Current ratio	1.38	No change	2.28
Debt service cover ratio	6.76	5.69	8.00
Operating surplus ratio	(1.11)	(1.10)	0.44
Own source revenue coverage ratio	No change	No change	0.33

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19. TRUST FUNDS

Funds held at balance date over which the Shire has no control and which are not included in the financial statements are as follows:

	Balance 1 July 2014	Amounts Received	Amounts Paid	Balance 30 June 2015
	\$	\$	(\$)	\$
Police Licensing	5,062	233,321	(237,226)	1,157
Aged Care Beautification	829	0	0	829
Unclaimed Monies	159	0	0	159
Tree Planting Nursery	1,000	0	0	1,000
Sundry Creditors	745	0	0	745
Housing Bonds	8,500	3,560	(1,560)	10,500
Staff Social Club	0	1,835	(864)	971
Portable Toilet Bonds	0	100	(100)	0
Deposit on Land	1,500	0	(500)	1,000
Emergency Services Levy	3,062	0	(3,062)	0
Building Levy	541	0	(541)	0
Mt Marshall LCDC	10,454	0	(10,454)	0
	<u>31,852</u>			<u>16,361</u>

19(a) NEWROC

The North Eastern Wheatbelt Regional Organisation of Councils (NEWROC) is made up of the Shires of Wyalkatchem, Trayning, Mukinbudin, Koorda, Nungarin and Mt Marshall. The following is a summary of the NEWROC funds and investment bank accounts. NEWROC funds were held in separate bank accounts in the name of NEWROC. As at 30 June 2015, these were administered by the Shire of Mt Marshall.

	Balance 1 July 2014	Amounts Received	Amounts Paid	Balance 30 June 2015
	\$	\$	(\$)	\$
NEWROC Funds Bank	14,331	218,331	(164,517)	68,145
NEWROC Investment Bank Account	300,000	106,940	(102,722)	304,218
	<u>314,331</u>			<u>372,363</u>

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20. DISPOSALS OF ASSETS - 2014/15 FINANCIAL YEAR

The following assets were disposed of during the year.

	Net Book Value		Sale Price		Profit (Loss)	
	Actual \$	Budget \$	Actual \$	Budget \$	Actual \$	Budget \$
Plant and Equipment						
<i>Governance</i>						
CEO Vehicle x 3		44,184		36,818	0	(7,366)
Holden VF Caprice	38,626		41,397		2,772	
Holden VF Caprice	43,246		37,273		(5,973)	
Admin vehicle	19,097	19,097	19,255	22,000	158	2,903
Mitsubishi Triton		19,751		22,000	0	2,249
<i>Transport</i>						
Multipac Vibe Roller		13,218		30,000	0	16,782
Utility - PMO	14,500	17,109	14,818	10,000	318	(7,109)
Utility - Tipping	5,000	11,844	13,727	8,500	8,727	(3,344)
Lombardi Low Loader	6,421		12,000		5,579	
Toyota - MM215	1,526		1,000		(526)	
Fuel Tanker			2,200		2,200	
Box Trailer			364		364	
	128,416	125,203	142,034	129,318	13,619	4,115

Profit	20,118	21,934
Loss	(6,499)	(17,819)
	<u>13,619</u>	<u>4,115</u>

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21. INFORMATION ON BORROWINGS

(a) Repayments - Debentures

Particulars	Principal 1 July 2014 \$	New Loans \$	Principal Repayments		Principal 30 June 2015		Interest Repayments	
			Actual \$	Budget \$	Actual \$	Budget \$	Actual \$	Budget \$
General purpose funding								
Loan 119 - Benny-Mart*	48,876	0	9,262	9,260	39,614	39,616	2,448	2,448
Housing								
Loan 111 - House 229 Murray St	16,134	0	16,134	16,134	0	0	478	942
Loan 115 - Housing Upgrade	62,055	0	30,139	30,139	31,916	31,916	2,381	3,174
Loan 118 - Staff Housing	262,391	0	46,197	46,197	216,194	216,194	15,901	15,764
Economic services								
Loan 117 - Accommodation Units	54,974	0	21,010	21,010	33,964	33,964	2,465	3,018
	444,430	0	122,742	122,740	321,688	321,690	23,673	25,346

(*) Self supporting loan financed by payments from third parties.

All other loan repayments were financed by general purpose revenue.

(b) New Debentures - 2014/15

The Shire did not take up any new debentures during the year ended 30 June 2015.

(c) Unspent Debentures

The Shire did not have any unspent debentures as at 30 June 2015.

(d) Overdraft

Council has not utilised an overdraft facility during the 2014/15 financial year and does not have an overdraft facility.

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22. RATING INFORMATION - 2014/15 FINANCIAL YEAR

(a) Rates	Rate in \$	Number of Properties	Rateable Value \$	Rate Revenue \$	Interim Rates \$	Back Rates \$	Total Revenue \$	Budget Rate Revenue \$	Budget Interim Rate \$	Budget Back Rate \$	Budget Total Revenue \$
RATE TYPE											
Differential general rate / general rate											
Gross rental value valuations	0.107551	131	797,910	85,816	0	0	85,816	75,637	0	0	75,637
Unimproved value valuations	0.018461	306	60,586,376	1,121,435	0	0	1,121,435	1,112,009	0	0	1,112,009
Sub-Totals		437	61,384,286	1,207,251	0	0	1,207,251	1,187,646	0	0	1,187,646
Minimum payment	Minimum \$										
Gross rental value valuations	335	40	27,260	13,400	0	0	13,400	13,065	0	0	13,065
Unimproved value valuations	335	28	159,792	9,380	0	0	9,380	10,050	0	0	10,050
Sub-Totals		68	187,052	22,780	0	0	22,780	23,115	0	0	23,115
Discounts/concessions (refer note 25)							1,230,031				1,210,761
Movement in Excess Rates							(64,387)				(85,000)
Total amount raised from general rate							11,371				0
							1,177,015				1,125,761
Ex Gratia Rates							13,192				13,192
Rates Write off/ Adjustments							(163)				(1,200)
Specified Area Rate (refer note 23)							8,057				8,055
Totals							1,198,101				1,145,808

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22. RATING INFORMATION - 2014/15 FINANCIAL YEAR (Continued)

(b) Information on Surplus/(Deficit) Brought Forward

	2015 (30 June 2015 Carried Forward) \$	2015 (1 July 2014 Brought Forward) \$	2014 (30 June 2014 Carried Forward) \$
Surplus/(Deficit) 1 July 14 brought forward	<u>1,663,480</u>	<u>477,345</u>	<u>477,345</u>
<u>Comprises:</u>			
Cash and cash equivalents			
Unrestricted	1,833,185	328,812	328,813
Restricted	2,256,054	2,117,957	2,117,956
Receivables			
Rates outstanding	89,524	86,170	86,170
Sundry debtors	116,584	165,438	165,438
GST receivable	20,053	39,648	39,648
Loans - clubs/institutions	9,783	9,262	9,262
Accrued Income	2,465	2,664	2,664
Medical Practice Loan	0	23,410	23,410
Inventories			
Fuel and materials	10,749	12,006	12,006
<u>Less:</u>			
Trade and other payables			
Sundry creditors	(348,664)	(328,590)	(328,590)
Accrued interest on debentures	(1,772)	(3,445)	(3,445)
Accrued salaries and wages	(23,130)	(23,426)	(23,426)
ATO liabilities	(22,887)	(20,293)	(20,293)
Accrued FBT	(2,745)	(3,698)	(3,698)
Income Rec'd in Advance	0	(5,232)	(5,232)
Current portion of long term borrowings			
Secured by floating charge	(113,145)	(122,742)	(122,742)
Provisions			
Provision for annual leave	(133,874)	(108,487)	(108,487)
Provision for long service leave	(123,200)	(126,234)	(126,234)
Net current assets	<u>3,568,980</u>	<u>2,043,220</u>	<u>2,043,220</u>
<u>Less:</u>			
Reserves - restricted cash	(2,097,019)	(1,790,000)	(1,790,000)
Loans - Clubs/Institutions	(9,783)	(9,262)	(9,262)
<u>Add:</u>			
Current portion of long term borrowings			
Secured by floating charge	113,145	122,742	122,742
Employee Liabilities supported by Cash Backed Resen	88,157	110,645	110,645
Surplus/(deficit)	<u>1,663,480</u>	<u>477,345</u>	<u>477,345</u>

Difference

There was no difference between the surplus/(deficit) 1 July 2014 brought forward position used in the 2015 audited financial report and the surplus/(deficit) carried forward position as disclosed in the 2014 audited financial report.

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23. SPECIFIED AREA RATE - 2014/15 FINANCIAL YEAR

	Rate in \$	Basis of Rate	Rateable Value \$	Rate Revenue \$	Budget Rate Revenue \$	Applied to Costs \$	Budget Applied to Costs \$
Beacon RTC Building							
- Rate	0.4300	GRV	1,150	1,209	1,207	1,209	1,207
- Rate	0.0212	UV	6,525	6,848	6,848	6,848	6,848
				8,057	8,055	8,057	8,055

24. SERVICE CHARGES - 2014/15 FINANCIAL YEAR

The Shire did not impose any service charges.

**25. DISCOUNTS, INCENTIVES, CONCESSIONS, & WRITE-OFFS
- 2014/15 FINANCIAL YEAR**

	Type	Disc %	Total Cost/ Value \$	Budget Cost/ Value \$
Discount on Early Payment of Rates	Discount	7.50%	64,387	85,000
Rates Write Off	Write Off		163	1,200
			64,550	86,200

26. INTEREST CHARGES AND INSTALMENTS - 2014/15 FINANCIAL YEAR

	Interest Rate %	Admin. Charge \$	Revenue \$	Budgeted Revenue \$
Interest on unpaid rates		0	11,651	7,000
Interest on instalments plan		0	0	1,400
Interest on ESL			401	300
Charges on instalment plan		0	1,190	950
			13,242	9,650

Ratepayers had the option of paying rates in four equal instalments, due on 8th October 2014, 10th December 2014, 11th February 2015, and 15th February 2015.

Administration charges and interest do not apply to the final three instalments.

	2015 \$	2014 \$
27. FEES & CHARGES		
Governance	966	959
General purpose funding	1,190	0
Law, order, public safety	1,536	1,864
Education and welfare	18,300	15,600
Housing	107,171	97,870
Community amenities	64,506	61,684
Recreation and culture	7,795	8,470
Transport	3,293	9,332
Economic services	86,432	70,570
Other property and services	27,022	12,543
	<u>318,211</u>	<u>278,892</u>

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28. GRANT REVENUE

Grants, subsidies and contributions are included as operating revenues in the Statement of Comprehensive Income:

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
By Nature or Type:		
Operating grants, subsidies and contributions	3,546,880	1,178,424
Non-operating grants, subsidies and contributions	1,101,230	2,514,244
	<u>4,648,110</u>	<u>3,692,668</u>
By Program:		
Governance	0	836
General purpose funding	3,377,819	2,249,277
Law, order, public safety	21,495	26,080
Education and welfare	77,936	36,957
Community amenities	53,825	28,607
Recreation and culture	30,480	145,585
Transport	1,086,555	1,205,326
	<u>4,648,110</u>	<u>3,692,668</u>

29. EMPLOYEE NUMBERS

The number of full-time equivalent employees at balance date

<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>
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30. ELECTED MEMBERS REMUNERATION

The following fees, expenses and allowances were paid to council members and/or the president.

	2015	2015	2014
	\$	Budget	\$
		\$	
Meeting Fees	30,277	32,550	30,161
President's allowance	5,000	5,400	5,000
Deputy President's allowance	1,275	1,500	1,159
Travelling expenses	3,317	4,800	4,534
Telecommunications allowance	7,159	7,312	8,160
	<u>47,028</u>	<u>51,562</u>	<u>49,014</u>

31. MAJOR LAND TRANSACTIONS

The Shire did not participate in any major land transactions during the 2014/15.

32. TRADING UNDERTAKINGS AND MAJOR TRADING UNDERTAKINGS

The Shire did not participate in any trading undertakings or major trading undertakings during the 2014/15 financial year.

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33. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

The Shire's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks including price risk, credit risk, liquidity risk and interest rate risk. The Shire's overall risk management focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimise potential adverse effects on the financial performance of the Shire.

The Shire does not engage in transactions expressed in foreign currencies and is therefore not subject to foreign currency risk.

Financial risk management is carried out by the finance area under policies approved by the Council.

The Shire held the following financial instruments at balance date:

	Carrying Value		Fair Value	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Financial assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	4,089,239	2,446,769	4,089,239	2,446,769
Receivables	268,240	366,206	268,240	366,206
	<u>4,357,479</u>	<u>2,812,975</u>	<u>4,357,479</u>	<u>2,812,975</u>
Financial liabilities				
Payables	399,201	384,684	399,201	384,684
Borrowings	321,688	444,430	321,688	444,430
	<u>720,889</u>	<u>829,114</u>	<u>720,889</u>	<u>829,114</u>

Fair value is determined as follows:

- Cash and cash equivalents, receivables, payables - estimated to the carrying value which approximates net market value.
- Borrowings, held to maturity investments, estimated future cash flows discounted by the current market interest rates applicable to assets and liabilities with similar risk profiles.
- Financial assets at fair value through profit and loss, available for sale financial assets - based on quoted market prices at the reporting date or independent valuation.

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33. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

(a) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Financial assets at fair value through profit and loss

Available-for-sale financial assets

Held-to-maturity investments

The Shire's objective is to maximise its return on cash and investments whilst maintaining an adequate level of liquidity and preserving capital. The finance area manages the cash and investments portfolio with the assistance of independent advisers (where applicable). Council has an investment policy and the policy is subject to review by Council. An Investment Report is provided to Council on a monthly basis setting out the make-up and performance of the portfolio.

The major risk associated with investments is price risk - the risk that the capital value of investments may fluctuate due to changes in market prices, whether these changes are caused by factors specific to individual financial instruments of their issuers or factors affecting similar instruments traded in a market.

Cash and investments are also subject to interest rate risk - the risk that movements in interest rates could affect returns.

Another risk associated with cash is credit risk – the risk that a contracting entity will not complete its obligations under a financial instrument resulting in a financial loss to the Shire.

The Shire manages these risks by diversifying its portfolio and only investing in investments authorised by *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 19C*. Council also seeks advice from independent advisers (where considered necessary) before placing any cash and investments.

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
Impact of a 1% ⁽¹⁾ movement in interest rates on cash		
- Equity	27,639	34,163
- Statement of Comprehensive Income	27,639	34,163

Notes:

⁽¹⁾ Sensitivity percentages based on management's expectation of future possible market movements.

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33. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

(b) Receivables

The Shire's major receivables comprise rates and annual charges and user charges and fees. The major risk associated with these receivables is credit risk – the risk that the debts may not be repaid. The Shire manages this risk by monitoring outstanding debt and employing debt recovery policies. It also encourages ratepayers to pay rates by the due date through incentives.

Credit risk on rates and annual charges is minimised by the ability of the Shire to recover these debts as a secured charge over the land – that is, the land can be sold to recover the debt. The Shire is also able to charge interest on overdue rates and annual charges at higher than market rates, which further encourages payment.

The level of outstanding receivables is reported to Council monthly and benchmarks are set and monitored for acceptable collection performance.

The Shire makes suitable provision for doubtful receivables as required and carries out credit checks on most non-rate debtors.

There are no material receivables that have been subject to a re-negotiation of repayment terms.

The profile of the Shire's credit risk at balance date was:

	2015	2014
Percentage of rates and annual charges		
- Current	0.00%	0.00%
- Overdue	100.00%	100.00%
Percentage of other receivables		
- Current	59.87%	70.24%
- Overdue	40.13%	29.76%

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33. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

(c) Payables

Borrowings

Payables and borrowings are both subject to liquidity risk – that is the risk that insufficient funds may be on hand to meet payment obligations as and when they fall due. The Shire manages this risk by monitoring its cash flow requirements and liquidity levels and maintaining an adequate cash buffer. Payment terms can be extended and overdraft facilities drawn upon if required.

The contractual undiscounted cash flows of the Shire's Payables and Borrowings are set out in the Liquidity Sensitivity Table below:

	Due within 1 year \$	Due between 1 & 5 years \$	Due after 5 years \$	Total contractual cash flows \$	Carrying values \$
<u>2015</u>					
Payables	399,201	0	0	399,201	399,201
Borrowings	131,570	231,043	0	362,613	321,688
	<u>530,771</u>	<u>231,043</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>761,814</u>	<u>720,889</u>
<u>2014</u>					
Payables	384,684	0	0	384,684	384,684
Borrowings	148,646	362,642	0	511,288	444,430
	<u>533,330</u>	<u>362,642</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>895,972</u>	<u>829,114</u>

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33. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

(c) Payables
Borrowings (continued)

Borrowings are also subject to interest rate risk - the risk that movements in interest rates could adversely affect funding costs. The Shire manages this risk by borrowing long term and fixing the interest rate to the situation considered the most advantageous at the time of negotiation.

The following tables set out the carrying amount, by maturity, of the financial instruments exposed to interest rate risk:

	<1 year \$	>1<2 years \$	>2<3 years \$	>3<4 years \$	>4<5 years \$	>5 years \$	Total \$	Weighted Average Effective Interest Rate %
<u>Year ended 30 June 2015</u>								
Borrowings								
Fixed rate								
Debentures	31,916	33,964	0	255,808	0	0	321,688	6.11%
Weighted average Effective interest rate	5.81%	6.06%		6.16%	6.16%			
<u>Year ended 30 June 2014</u>								
Borrowings								
Fixed rate								
Debentures	16,134	62,055	54,974	0	311,267	0	444,430	6.15%
Weighted average Effective interest rate	7.74%	5.81%	6.06%		6.15%			

**SHIRE OF MT MARSHALL
SUPPLEMENTARY RATIO INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2015**

RATIO INFORMATION

The following information relates to those ratios which only require attestation they have been checked and are supported by verifiable information. It does not form part of the audited financial report

	2015	2014	2013
Asset consumption ratio	0.57	0.54	0.62
Asset renewal funding ratio	1.02	1.02	0.94

The above ratios are calculated as follows:

Asset consumption ratio	$\frac{\text{depreciated replacement costs of assets}}{\text{current replacement cost of depreciable assets}}$
Asset renewal funding ratio	$\frac{\text{NPV of planning capital renewal over 10 years}}{\text{NPV of required capital expenditure over 10 years}}$

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SHIRE OF MOUNT MARSHALL

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REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL REPORT

We have audited the accompanying financial report of the Shire of Mount Marshall, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2015, statement of comprehensive income by nature or type, statement of comprehensive income by program, statement of changes in equity, statement of cash flows and the rate setting statement for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information and the statement by Chief Executive Officer.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Report

Management is responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, the Local Government Act 1995 (as amended) and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 (as amended) and for such internal control as Management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

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

We believe the audit evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report of the Shire of Mount Marshall is in accordance with the Local Government Act 1995 (as amended) and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 (as amended), including:

- a giving a true and fair view of the Shire's financial position as at 30 June 2015 and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year ended on that date; and
- b complying with Australian Accounting Standards (including Australian Accounting Interpretations).

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SHIRE OF MOUNT MARSHALL (CONTINUED)**

Report on other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

In accordance with the Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996, we also report that:

- a) There are no matters that in our opinion indicate significant adverse trends in the financial position or the financial management practices of the Shire.
- b) No matters indicating non-compliance with Part 6 of the Local Government Act 1995 (as amended), the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 (as amended) or applicable financial controls of any other written law were noted during the course of our audit.
- c) In relation to the Supplementary Ratio Information presented at page 58 of this report, we have reviewed the calculations as presented and nothing has come to our attention to suggest they are not:
 - i) reasonably calculated; and
 - ii) based on verifiable information.
- d) All necessary information and explanations were obtained by us.
- e) All audit procedures were satisfactorily completed in conducting our audit.

MOORE STEPHENS
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

Signed at Perth this 2nd day of February 2016


GREG GODWIN
PARTNER

Notice of Meeting

Annual General Meeting of Electors



Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Electors of the Shire of Mt Marshall will be held on Tuesday 22 March 2016, in the Council Chambers, Bencubbin, commencing at 6:00pm.

Order of Business

1. Attendance and Apologies.
2. Confirmation of Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of electors held on 17 March 2015
3. Reading of the Auditors Report for 2014/2015.
4. Reading of the President's Report for the year ended 30 June 2015.
5. Receiving of the Annual Report for 2014/2015.
6. General Business as the President thinks fit or as the majority of the electors present may decide.

By order of Council

Dirk Sellenger
Chief Executive Officer

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Electors



SHIRE OF MT MARSHALL



MINUTES OF MEETING

Electors' General Meeting

**Minutes of Annual General Meeting of Electors
held on Tuesday 17 March 2015,
in Council Chambers, 80 Monger Street,
Bencubbin commencing at 6:00pm**

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- 5. General business as the President thinks fit or as the majority of the electors present may decide**
- 6. Closure of Meeting**

1.0 Declaration of Opening / Announcement of Visitors

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open at 6:00pm

2.0 Record of Attendance / Apologies / Approved Leave of Absence

In Attendance

Cr RN Breakell	President / Presiding Member
Cr IC Sanders	Deputy President
Cr PA Gillett	Councillor
Cr DA Miguel	Councillor
Cr WJ Beagley	Councillor
Cr AJ Dunne	Councillor
Cr JW Munns	Councillor

Mr Dirk Sellenger	Chief Executive Officer / Elector
Ms Nadine Richmond	Executive Assistant / Elector
Mr Jack Walker	Finance and Administration Manager / Elector

Apologies

3.0 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Electors' General Meeting

3.1 Minutes of the Electors' General Meeting held 19 March 2014

2015/032 RESOLUTION:

That the Minutes of the Electors' General Meeting held on Wednesday 19 March 2014 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

Moved Cr IC Sanders Seconded Cr WJ Beagley Carried

4.0 Receiving of Annual Report for the year ending 30 June 2014

The Presiding Member read aloud the President's report for the year ending 30 June 2014.

2015/033 RESOLUTION:

That the Annual Report of the Shire of Mt Marshall for the period ended 30 June 2014 be endorsed.

Moved Cr JW Munns Seconded Cr DA Miguel Carried

5.0	General business as the President thinks fit or as the majority of the Electors present may decide
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Nil

6.0	Closure of Meeting
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The Presiding Member thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 6:04pm.

These Minutes were confirmed by the Council at the Electors' General Meeting held on

Date

President

Freedom of Information Statement



The Shire of Mt Marshall maintains records relating to each property within the Shire and also records relating to the function and administration of the Shire including minutes of meetings, a financial interests register, register of delegations, rates book, electoral roll, financial statements, and local laws. These documents amongst others, can be inspected (or copies of which may be made available for purchase) at the Shire Office, 80 Monger St, Bencubbin during business hours.

The Shire of Mt Marshall will provide information held by Council to people requesting it. Should a request not be met satisfactorily, then a more Freedom of Information Application can be lodged. Requests for information under the Freedom of Information Act can be lodged with the Freedom of Information Co-ordinator, Ms Nadine Richmond – Executive Assistant, Shire of Mt Marshall, 80 Monger St, Bencubbin.

Requests for changes to personal information must be made in writing.

The Shire's full Freedom of Information Statement may be found on the shire's website www.mtmarshall.wa.gov.au or a copy may be obtained by contacting the Shire Office by telephone on 08 9685 1202 or via email to admin@mtmarshall.wa.gov.au

During the year ended 30 June 2015, no Freedom of Information applications were received.

National Competition Policy



National Competition Policy (NCP) is designed to enhance the effectiveness of public sector agencies and lead to more efficient use of all economic resources. There are a number of specific requirements placed on local government in the areas of competitive neutrality, legislation review and structural reform.

1. Competitive Neutrality

The principle of competitive neutrality is that government businesses should not enjoy a competitive advantage, or disadvantage, simply as a result of their public sector ownership. Measures should be introduced to effectively neutralise any net competitive advantage flowing from government ownership.

Competitive neutrality should apply to all business activities, which generate a users-pay income of over \$200,000 unless it can be shown it is not in the public interest. Public benefit tests are used to determine if competitive neutrality is in the public interest.

The Shire of Mt Marshall does not operate a business activity, which generates a user-pays income over \$200,000 per annum.

Consequently, the Shire of Mt Marshall is not required to implement competitive neutrality.

2. Legislation Review

All local governments are required to assess which of their local laws might impact on competition and conduct a review of each to determine how any restrictive practices might be overcome.

Where necessary Clause 7 legislation review principles will be complied with and the Shire of Mt Marshall remains committed to reviewing its existing local laws, as well as proposed local laws.

3. Structural Reform

Before local governments privatise a monopoly business or introduce competition into a sector dominated by a monopoly or near monopoly, the regulatory and commercial activities must be separated and a review undertaken.

The Shire of Mt Marshall did not privatise any activities in 2014/15, consequently there were no obligations for structural reform. Nevertheless, the Shire of Mt Marshall is committed to the principles of structural reform under National Competition Policy.

Disability Access & Inclusion Plan



The Shire of Mt Marshall Disability Plan has been in place since 1996. The Shire of Mt Marshall Disability Access & Inclusion Plan (DAIP) was adopted in June 2007. Review of the Plan commenced in mid 2012 leading to the adoption of the Shire of Mt Marshall Disability and Access Plan 2012-2017 in September 2012.

All Council's functions, facilities and services are reviewed annually to ensure they meet the needs of people with disabilities.

The Shire of Mt Marshall is committed to ensuring that the community is an accessible community for people with disabilities, their families and carers.

The Shire of Mt Marshall believes that people with disabilities, their families and carers who live in country areas should be supported to remain in the community of their choice.

The Shire of Mt Marshall is committed to consulting with people with disabilities, their families and carers and where required, disability organizations to ensure that barriers to access are addressed appropriately.

The Shire of Mt Marshall aims to ensure that all new constructions are designed incorporating disability access.

The Shire of Mt Marshall is committed to achieving the following outcomes:

- Outcome 1: Existing functions, facilities and services are adapted to meet the needs of people with disabilities.
- Outcome 2: Access to buildings and facilities is improved.
- Outcome 3: Information about functions, facilities and services is provided in formats, which meet the communication requirements of people with disabilities.
- Outcome 4: Staff awareness of the needs of people with disabilities and skill in delivering advice and services are improved.
- Outcome 5: Opportunities for people with disabilities to participate in public consultation, grievance mechanisms and decision-making processes are provided.
- Outcome 6: People with disabilities have the same opportunities as other people to participate in any public consultation by the Shire of Mt Marshall.
- Outcome 7: People with disabilities have the same opportunities as other people to obtain and maintain employment with a public authority.

Copies of the Disability Services Plan and the Disability Access & Inclusion Plan (DAIP) are available upon request by contacting the Shire Office by telephone on 08 9685 1202 or via email to admin@mtmarshall.wa.gov.au



Record Keeping Plan

The State Records Act 2000 requires that the Shire maintains and disposes of all records in the prescribed manner. The Shire of Mt Marshall maintains a Record Keeping Plan, approved by the State Records Office until March 2018.

Evaluation

Evaluation of the efficiency and effectiveness of the shire's record keeping plan is ongoing and considered each time a function is carried out. Internal performance indicators such as spot checks for accuracy of stored records are undertaken, and on the basis of response times the record keeping system is assessed as being appropriate.

The Shire's Record Keeping Plan underwent a full review in March 2013 and will be fully reviewed again in 2017.

Staff Training

Staff members responsible for the management of records receive external record keeping training with a focus on local government records, including the retention and disposal methods.

All administrative staff receive an introduction to record keeping and the shire's record keeping system as part of their induction program ensuring compliance with the record keeping plan. In addition, staff information sessions and presentations are conducted as required.

Internal performance indicators such as spot checks for accuracy of stored records are undertaken, and on the basis of response times the effectiveness of staff training is assessed as being appropriate.

Employee Remuneration



As per Section 19B of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, the annual report must contain information on the number of employees entitled to an annual salary of \$100,000 or more. It also must be reported the number of employees in each band of \$10,000 over \$100,000.

One employee, the Chief Executive Officer received a salary between \$140,000 and \$150,000 during the year ended 30 June 2015.