

Business Paper

LATE REPORTS ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, GUNDAGAI

6:00 PM, TUESDAY 24th November, 2020

Administration Centres: 1300 459 689

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8 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

1 BUSINESS

1.1 I2S INLAND RAIL COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

DOCUMENT NUMBER	339823
REPORTING OFFICER	Phillip McMurray, General Manager
AUTHORISING OFFICER	Phillip McMurray, General Manager
RELEVANCE TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN	4. Good governance: an actively engaged community and strong leadership team 4.1 Decision-making is based on collaborative, transparent and accountable leadership
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	There are no Financial implications associated with this report.
LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS	There are no Legislative implications associated with this report.
POLICY IMPLICATIONS	There are no Policy implications associated with this report.
ATTACHMENTS	Nil

RECOMMENDATION

Council endorse Councillor Bowden as Council's Councillor representative on the I2S Inland Rail Community Consultative Committee.

Discussion

Local government representation is best served by having two representatives, one councillor and a relevant staff person. However, the decision ultimately resides with Council to nominate who their representatives should be.

Council's current representatives are Sharon Langham and Mark Ellis. Cr. Leigh Bowden, had expressed an interest in being a representative and attending our meetings which occur quarterly.

1 FINANCE

1.1 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2020

DOCUMENT NUMBER	339806
REPORTING OFFICER	Tim Swan, Manager Finance and Customer Service
AUTHORISING OFFICER	Phillip McMurray, General Manager
RELEVANCE TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN	4. Good governance: an actively engaged community and strong leadership team 4.1 Decision-making is based on collaborative, transparent and accountable leadership
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	Regular monitoring of Council's finances will ensure that any issues are identified in a timely manner.
LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS	There are no legislative implications associated with this report.
POLICY IMPLICATIONS	There are no policy implications associated with this report.
ATTACHMENTS	1. October 2020 Finance Report ↓

RECOMMENDATION

That the Finance Report for October 2020 be received and noted.

Introduction

The Monthly Finance Report provides Councillors with an update on the current budget status.

Discussion

No budgetary concerns have been identified. Expenditure is at 40% of budget, but this relates to payments and commitments for annual expenses.

Several anomalies will be resolved by the adoption of the September Quarterly Budget Review, and the rolling forward of unexpended grants from 2019/20.

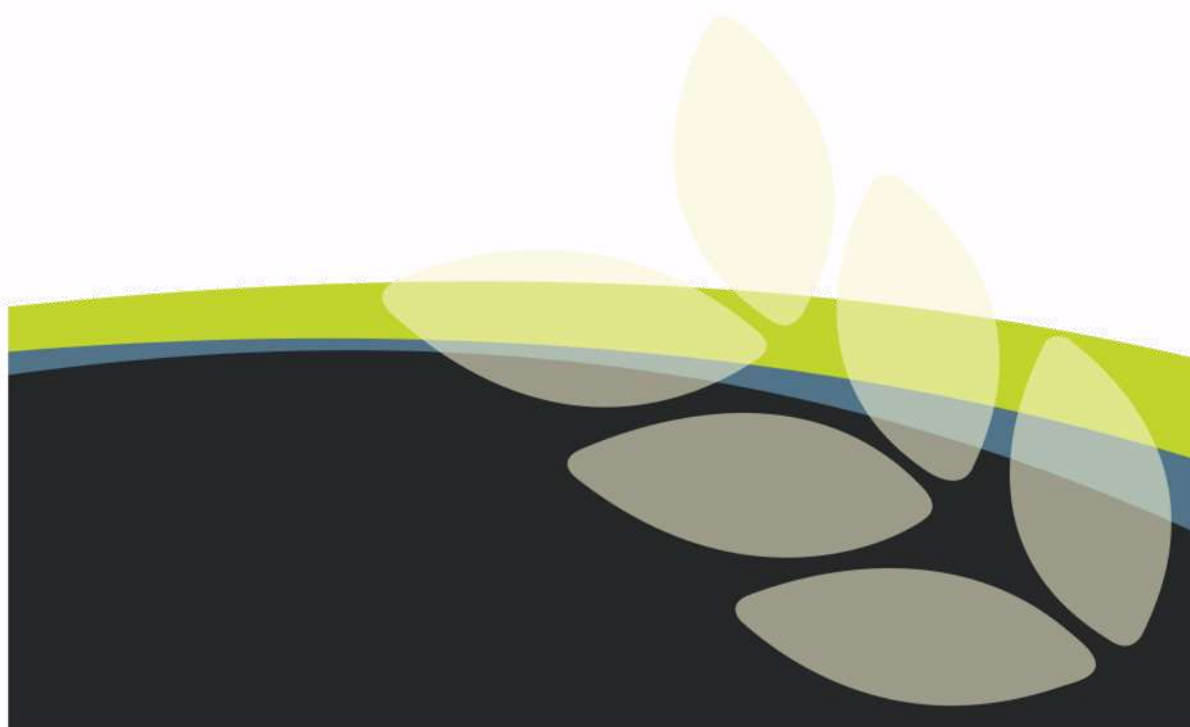


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GUNDAGAI** REGIONAL
COUNCIL

October 2020

Financial reporting pack

Monthly operational analysis



Monthly budget variance report
Consolidated
Period ended 31 October



	Year to date actual				Consolidated total	Consolidated budget	Balance remaining	% of annual budget	Comments
	General	Waste	Water	Sewer					
Revenue									
Rates and annual charges	7,655,979	2,505,580	479,188	600,713	11,241,459	14,895,445	3,653,986	75.47%	Rates levied for year. Q1 Water & Sewer
User charges and fees	973,900	155,780	478,898	118,623	1,727,202	7,873,231	6,146,029	21.94%	
Interest and investment revenues	20,214	1	452	3	19,758	209,800	190,042	9.42%	
Other revenues	222,310	-	338	-	222,647	346,850	124,203	64.19%	
Operating grants and contributions	1,404,973	-	-	-	1,404,973	10,209,458	8,804,485	13.76%	
Capital grants and contributions	1,001,786	-	-	2,986,982	1,985,196	16,123,054	18,108,250	-12.31%	Income accrued in 2019/20.
Internal Plant hire	1,128,277	-	-	-	1,128,277	3,475,000	2,346,723	32.47%	
Internal Overheads	-	-	-	-	-	1,877,561	1,877,561	0.00%	
Internal Easements	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%	
Total revenue	12,407,439	2,661,360	957,971	2,267,649	13,759,121	55,010,399	41,251,278	25.01%	
Expenditure									
Employee costs	3,544,700	180,947	204,282	163,471	4,093,399	12,460,981	8,367,582	32.85%	
Borrowing costs	10,334	-	12,519	-	22,853	280,667	303,520	-8.14%	Accruals
Materials and contracts	3,380,434	387,849	583,628	174,984	4,526,895	9,851,641	5,324,746	45.95%	Includes some expenditure on community projects budgeted for 2019/20
Plant hire	892,294	33,654	23,180	22,191	971,318	2,342,201	1,370,883	41.47%	
Other expenses	2,454,384	16,149	61,470	67,209	2,599,212	3,355,199	755,987	77.47%	POs raised for full year for insurance etc.
Internal Overheads	-	-	-	-	-	1,877,561	1,877,561	0.00%	
Internal Easements	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%	
Total expenses	10,261,477	618,599	860,040	427,855	12,167,971	30,168,250	18,000,279	40.33%	
Net result	2,145,963	2,042,761	97,931	(2,695,504)	1,591,150	24,842,149	23,250,999		

Business Unit Summary - Operating

Period ended 31 October



	Income				Expenditure				Comments
	Actual	Budget	Variance	%	Actual	Budget	Variance	%	
Development, Building and Compliance	326,062	324,820	(1,242)	100.38%	338,368	1,041,169	702,801	32.50%	Developer contributions adjusted in QBR
Regulatory Services	188,901	601,610	412,709	31.40%	343,405	1,113,662	770,257	30.84%	
Community and Culture	36,805	163,340	126,535	22.53%	605,953	1,399,782	793,829	43.29%	Includes 1/2 RRL contribution and expenditure on a grant received after budget.
Business Services	165	6,180	6,015	2.67%	749,677	1,229,002	479,325	61.00%	POs raised for full year.
Finance and Customer Services	8,144,656	14,831,888	6,687,232	54.91%	355,875	1,588,305	1,232,430	22.41%	
Executive Office	520,031	2,780,262	2,260,231	18.70%	828,322	2,110,387	1,282,065	39.25%	Includes expenditure of grant funds budgeted for 2019/20.
Operations Management	536,176	865,913	329,737	61.92%	1,026,694	918,809	(107,885)	111.74%	Mostly Workers Comp insurance for full year, allocated to other departments in QBR.
Facilities	138,345	193,700	55,355	71.42%	463,177	1,289,315	826,138	35.92%	Includes insurance for full year.
Recreation	98,815	175,973	77,158	56.15%	652,805	1,625,881	973,076	40.15%	Includes insurance for full year.
Technical Services	567,576	4,717,663	4,150,087	12.03%	1,017,821	2,293,917	1,276,096	44.37%	Expenditure is consistent with seasonal nature of maintenance activities.
Civil Works	492,558	4,212,824	3,720,266	11.69%	2,000,544	4,893,408	2,892,864	40.88%	High State Roads expenditure in Oct, to be invoiced.
Asset Management	1,357,351	3,977,488	2,620,137	34.13%	1,878,835	2,862,236	983,401	65.64%	
Waste Services	2,661,360	3,153,612	492,252	84.39%	618,599	2,235,430	1,616,831	27.67%	Includes MV insurance and ESL for full year.
Water	957,971	4,783,664	3,825,693	20.03%	860,040	3,788,292	2,928,252	22.70%	
Sewer	(2,267,649)	14,221,462	16,489,111	-15.95%	427,855	1,778,655	1,350,800	24.05%	
Total	13,759,121	55,010,399	41,251,278	25.01%	12,167,971	30,168,250	18,000,279	40.33%	

Capital expenditure



	YTD	Budget	Variance	%	Comments
Capital income					
Proceeds from sale of plant	187,182	696,500	(509,318)	26.87%	
Proceeds from sale of property	71,759	-	71,759	0.00%	
Sports facilities capital income			-	0.00%	
Stormwater capital income			-	0.00%	
Roads capital income			-	0.00%	
Water capital income			-	0.00%	
Sewer capital income			-	0.00%	
Waste capital income			-	0.00%	
Other capital income			-	0.00%	
Total Income	258,941	696,500	(437,559)	37.18%	
Capital expenditure					
Plant and equipment	1,097,158	2,484,000	(1,386,842)	44.17%	
Office equipment	9,448	40,000	(30,552)	23.62%	
Buildings	218,336	544,869	(326,533)	40.07%	
Land improvements	21,940	25,000	(3,060)	87.76%	
Major projects	795,507	125,000	670,507	636.41%	Expenditure of grant funding budgeted for 2019/20
Roads, bridges and footpaths	1,104,555	7,450,000	(6,345,445)	14.83%	
Stormwater drainage	62,529	160,000	(97,471)	39.08%	
Recreation assets	229,360	261,000	(31,640)	87.88%	
Parks and Gardens	84,519	448,526	(364,007)	18.84%	
Waste Services	159,353	455,000	(295,647)	35.02%	
Water supply network	129,641	1,000,000	(870,359)	12.96%	
Sewerage network	11,381,787	12,597,339	(1,215,552)	90.35%	PO raised for STP project.
Other assets	-	-	-	0.00%	
Total Expenses	15,294,133	25,590,734	(10,296,601)	59.76%	
Net capital expenditure	15,035,192	24,894,234	(9,859,042)		

1.2 SEPTEMBER 2020 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENT

DOCUMENT NUMBER	339820
REPORTING OFFICER	Tim Swan, Manager Finance and Customer Service
AUTHORISING OFFICER	Phillip McMurray, General Manager
RELEVANCE TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN	4. Good governance: an actively engaged community and strong leadership team 4.3 Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council is a premier local government Council
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	As reported in the attached quarterly budget review, the revised net operating result for the year to 30 June 2021 is a profit of \$15,590,000. The budget adjustments recommended to Council for approval in this report result in a net change to the operating result of -\$2,000.
LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS	Clause 203(1) of the Local Government (General) Regulation requires that, not later than 2 months after the end of each quarter, excluding the June quarter, the responsible accounting officer must submit a budget review statement to Council. The format of the review must be consistent with the minimum requirements contained in the Quarterly Budget Review Statement Guidelines provided by the Office of Local Government.
POLICY IMPLICATIONS	There are no Policy implications associated with this report.
ATTACHMENTS	1. Quarterly Budget Review Report - September 2020 ↓

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That the September 2020 Quarterly Budget Review Report be received.**
- 2. The budget variations listed in the report be adopted.**

Introduction

The purpose of this report is to present a summary of Council's financial position at the end of the quarter, and to report on progress made against the original budget adopted by Council in its 2020-21 Operational Plan. A detailed list of budget variances is included in the attached Quarterly Budget Review, and these are presented for adoption by Council.

Discussion

Detailed commentary on the individual variations is included in the report itself. The net change to the projected operating result is a decrease of \$2,000 to a surplus of \$15,900,000.



Commentary

Although the net operating result shows a healthy profit, and a small loss before capital items, there remains a major concern over the projected level of unrestricted cash. Even with the targeted reduction in capital expenditure recommended in the report, the unrestricted cash figure is projected to reduce to under \$2.2m. In the current volatile climate this figure is uncomfortably low considering the many contributing factors that are outside council's control.

A review of the capital works programme is scheduled in coming days to identify the level of cuts that can be achieved, and these results will be presented to council when available.

Budgeted Operating Result

The Council's Income and Expenses, and Net Operating Result are reported on pages 4 & 5 of this Review Statement.

The revised estimated net operating result for the year to 30 June 2020 is a surplus of \$15,900,000 (original budget was a surplus of \$15,902,000) and the revised estimated result before capital grants and contributions is a \$209,000 deficit (original \$221,000 deficit).

The major changes detailed in this report are related to timing of income and expenditure.

No new contracts were entered into during the period.

Budget Variations to the Operating Result

The budget adjustments recommended to Council for approval in this report result in a net increase to the operating surplus of \$1,000.

The material variations from the original budget for the year to date are attributed to:

Favourable variations

- Targeted reduction to roads capital expenditure of \$1,000,000. Considerable grant funding for expenditure on these assets has been announced and will ensure that expenditure meets the recommendations of the recent asset valuation and condition report.

Unfavourable variations

- No material variations to date.

September 2020 Quarterly Budget Review



Report by Responsible Accounting Officer

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

It is my opinion that the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for Cootamundra Gundagai Regional Council for the quarter ended 30/9/20 indicates that Council's projected financial position at 30/6/20 will be satisfactory at year end, having regard to the projected estimates of income and expenditure and the original budgeted income and expenditure.

Signed:



Tim Swan
Responsible Accounting Officer

date: 24 November 2020

September 2020 Quarterly Budget Review



Income and Expense Budget Review

Cootamundra Gundagai Regional Council
Budget review for the quarter ended 30 September 2020



Income and Expenses Consolidated

(5000's)	Original Budget	Council Approved Changes					Revised budget	Variations	Notes	Revised budget after variation	YTD Actual
		Carry Forwards	Other than by QRRS	Sept QRRS	Dec QRRS	Mar QRRS					
Income											
Rates and Annual Charges	14,895						14,895	-		14,895	11,241
User Charges and Fees	7,873						7,873	(161)	1	7,712	1,727
Interest and Investment Revenues	210						210	-		210	20
Other Revenues	347						347	-		347	223
Grants & Contributions - Operating	10,209						10,209	24	2-3	10,234	1,405
Grants & Contributions - Capital	16,123						16,123	(14)	4-5	16,109	1,985
Internal Plant Hire	3,475						3,475	-		3,475	1,128
Internal Overheads	1,878						1,878	-		1,878	-
Internal Easements	-						-	-		-	-
Total Income from Continuing Operations	55,010	-	-	-	-	-	55,010	(151)		54,859	13,759
Expenses											
Employee Costs	12,461						12,461	(71)	6	12,390	4,093
Borrowing Costs	281						281	-		281	23
Materials & Contracts	9,604						9,604	(129)	7	9,475	4,253
Plant Hire	2,342						2,342	-		2,342	971
Legal Costs	152						152	-		152	75
Consultants	96						96	-		96	198
Depreciation	8,940						8,940	-		8,940	-
Other Expenses	3,355						3,355	50	8	3,406	2,599
Internal Overheads	1,878						1,878	-		1,878	-
Internal Easements	-						-	-		-	-
Total Expenses from Continuing Operations	39,108	-	-	-	-	-	39,108	(150)		38,959	12,168
Net Operating Result from Continuing Operations	15,902	-	-	-	-	-	15,902	(2)		15,900	1,591
Net Operating Result before Capital Items	(221)	-	-	-	-	-	(221)	12		(209)	3,576

September 2020 Quarterly Budget Review

Cootamundra Gundagai Regional Council
Budget review for the quarter ended 30 September 2020



Income and Expenses by Business Unit

Income and Expenses by Business Unit		Council Approved Changes									
	Original Budget	Carry forwards	Other than by QBRs	Sept QBRs	Dec QBRs	Mar QBRs	Revised Budget	Variations	Notes	Revised budget after variation	YTD Actual
(5000's)											
Income											
Development, Building and Compliance	325						325	115	4	440	326
Regulatory Services	602						602	-		602	189
Community and Culture	163						163	30	2	194	37
Business Services	6						6	-		6	
Finance and Customer Services	14,832						14,832	-		14,832	8,145
Executive Office	2,780						2,780	(290)	1.5	2,490	520
Operations Management	866						866	-		866	536
Facilities	194						194	-		194	138
Recreation	176						176	-		176	99
Technical Services	4,718						4,718	-		4,718	568
Civil Works	4,213						4,213	(6)	3	4,207	493
Asset Management	3,977						3,977	-		3,977	1,357
Waste Services	3,154						3,154	-		3,154	2,661
Water	4,784						4,784	-		4,784	958
Sewer	14,221						14,221	-		14,221	(2,268)
Total Income from Continuing Operations	55,010	-	-	-	-	-	55,010	(151)		54,859	11,759
Expenses											
Development, Building and Compliance	1,041						1,041	(38)	30	1,003	338
Regulatory Services	1,114						1,114	(34)	30	1,090	343
Community and Culture	1,400						1,400	(39)	30	1,361	606
Business Services	1,229						1,229	(21)	30	1,208	750
Finance and Customer Services	1,588						1,588	(45)	30	1,543	356
Executive Office	2,110						2,110	(389)	6.7, 10	1,721	828
Operations Management	919						919	485	7.5, 10	1,404	1,027
Facilities	1,289						1,289	(50)	7.10	1,239	463
Recreation	1,626						1,626	(21)	7.10	1,605	653
Technical Services	2,294						2,294	-		2,294	1,018
Civil Works	4,893						4,893	-		4,893	2,001
Asset Management	2,862						2,862	(7)	30	2,855	1,879
Waste Services	2,235						2,235	-		2,235	619
Water	3,788						3,788	-		3,788	860
Sewer	1,779						1,779	-		1,779	428
Total Expenses from Continuing Operations	30,168	-	-	-	-	-	30,168	(150)		30,019	12,168
Net Operating Result from Continuing Operations											
	24,842	-	-	-	-	-	24,842	(2)		24,840	1,591
Depreciation											
	8,940						8,940			8,940	-
Net Operating Result including depreciation											
	15,902	-	-	-	-	-	15,902	(2)		15,900	1,591
Net Operating Result before Capital Items											
	(221)	-	-	-	-	-	(221)	12		(209)	3,576

September 2020 Quarterly Budget Review



Detail of budget variations

Cootamundra Gundagai Regional Council
Budget review for the quarter ended 30 September 2020



Income and Expenses Consolidated

Notes	Variance \$000	Details
1	(161)	Project management fees of 15% were budgeted to be charged to SCCF round 3 projects. These amounts were not included in the costings for these projects, and would result in budgets being exceeded. The charge has been reduced to 5%, with a further 5% deducted from operational budgets.
2	30	State Government libraries funding exceeded expectations by \$30,338.
3	(6)	Funding received from the Regional Roads Repair Programme is \$6,250 lower than expected.
4	115	Developer Contributions have exceeded the budgeted amount.
5	(129)	A community project funded by SCCF round 3 that was budgeted to pass through council will be managed by the community group.
Total	(151)	
		Project management fees of 15% were budgeted to be charged to SCCF round 3 projects. These amounts were not included in the costings for these projects, and would result in budgets being exceeded. The charge has been reduced to 5%, with a further 5% deducted from operational budgets.
6	(71)	
7	(129)	A community project funded by SCCF round 3 that was budgeted to pass through council will be managed by the community group.
9	50	Insurance costs have exceeded budget by \$50,392.
10	-	Workers Compensation insurance has been reallocated within the budget with no net change.
Total	(150)	
Total	(1)	

September 2020 Quarterly Budget Review



Capital budget review

Cootamundra Gundagai Regional Council
Budget review for the quarter ended 30 September 2020



Capital budget

(\$000's)	Original Budget	Approved Changes					Revised Budget	Variations this quarter	Notes	Revised budget after variations	YTD Actual
		Carry forwards	Other than by QBRs	Sept QBRs	Dec QBRs	Mar QBRs					
Capital Expenditure											
Plant and equipment	2,484						2,484	-		2,484	1,097
Office equipment	40						40	-		40	9
Buildings	545						545	-		545	218
Land improvements	25						25	64	1	89	22
Major projects	125						125	-		125	796
Roads, bridges and footpaths	7,450						7,450	(1,000)	2	6,450	1,105
Stormwater drainage	160						160	-		160	63
Recreation assets	261						261	-		261	229
Parks and Gardens	449						449	-		449	85
Waste Services	455						455	-		455	159
Water supply network	1,000						1,000	-		1,000	130
Sewerage network	12,597						12,597	-		12,597	11,382
Other assets	-						-	-		-	-
Total Capital Expenditure	25,591	-	-	-	-	-	25,591	(936)		24,655	15,294
Capital Funding											
Rates & Other Untied Funding	619						619	(936)	1,2	(317)	5,350
Capital Grants & Contributions	16,123						16,123			16,123	(1,985)
Reserves:											
- External Restrictions/Reserves	2,365						2,365			2,365	7,671
- Internal Restrictions/Reserves	2,065						2,065			2,065	
New Loans	4,000						4,000			4,000	4,000
Receipts from Sale of Assets											
- Plant & Equipment	419						419	-		419	187
- Land & Buildings	-						-	-		-	72
Total Capital Funding	25,591	-	-	-	-	-	25,591	(936)		24,655	15,294
Net Capital Funding - Surplus/(Deficit)	0	-	-	-	-	-	0	-0		0	-

September 2020 Quarterly Budget Review

Detail of budget variations

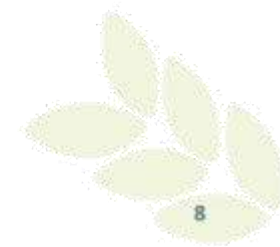
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Budget review for the quarter ended 30 September 2020



Capital Budget

Notes	Variance \$000	Details
1	64	Costs associated with the purchase of the site of the Bangas Pit have been incurred, totalling \$64,067.
2	(1,000)	Council's worsening unrestricted cash position requires urgent attention. Savings of \$1m have been targeted from the roads capital works programme. The significant grant funding expected over the next 2 years will still enable council to invest more than the amounts recommended in the recent valuation and condition report.
Total	(936)	

September 2020 Quarterly Budget Review



Cash and investments budget review

Restricted and unrestricted cash (reserves)

Cootamundra Gundagai Regional Council
Budget review for the quarter ended 30 September 2020



Cash and Investments

(5000's)	Original Budget	Approved Changes				Variations		Revised budget after variations	YTD Actual
		Carry forwards	Other than by QBRs	Sept QBRs	Dec QBRs	Mar QBRs	Revised Budget		
Externally Restricted⁽¹⁾									
Developers contributions	10						10	10	-
Specific Purpose Unexpended Grants & Contributions	152						152	152	2,591
Water network infrastructure	2,138						2,138	2,138	1,132
Sewer network infrastructure	4,590						4,590	4,590	1,385
Gundagai Town Improvement District	-						-	-	-
Domestic Waste Management	3,013						3,013	3,013	1,038
Stormwater infrastructure renewal	263						263	263	-
Total Externally Restricted	10,166	-	-	-	-	-	10,166	10,166	8,146
Internally Restricted⁽²⁾									
Merger implementation Fund	-						-	-	-
Stronger communities fund	-						-	-	-
Aerodrome bitumen resurfacing	245						245	245	166
Bradinan's birthplace	53						53	53	64
Coolac bypass	102						102	102	-
Cootamundra caravan park	92						92	92	113
Development	594						594	594	593
Employee leave entitlements	1,385						1,385	1,385	1,789
Financial assistance grant	-						-	-	2,801
Heritage centre	14						14	14	17
Incomplete works	33						33	33	-
Plant replacement	64						64	64	1,033
Quarries & pit restoration	16						16	16	1
Saleyards	35						35	35	-
Southern Phone	-						-	786	-
Swimming Pool Pump & Equipment	-						-	-	-
Cemetery reserve	-						-	-	-
Total Internally Restricted	2,633	-	-	-	-	-	2,633	786	6,577
Unrestricted	4,616	-	-	-	-	-	4,616	150	3,076
Total Cash & Investments	17,415						17,415	936	17,799

(1) Funds that must be spent for a specific purpose

(2) Funds that Council has earmarked for a specific purpose

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1.1 REFERRAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR AUDIT

DOCUMENT NUMBER	339840
REPORTING OFFICER	Tim Swan, Manager Finance
AUTHORISING OFFICER	Phillip McMurray, General Manager
RELEVANCE TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN	4. Good governance: an actively engaged community and strong leadership team 4.1 Decision-making is based on collaborative, transparent and accountable leadership
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	There are no Financial implications associated with this report.
LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS	To comply with section 413 of the Local Government Act, 1993.
POLICY IMPLICATIONS	Accounting Policies are detailed within the Financial Statements.
ATTACHMENTS	Nil

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Acting General Manager and Responsible Accounting Officer be delegated to sign the Statements by Council and Management for the 2020 General Purpose Financial Statements and 2020 Special Purpose Financial Statements for Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council.**
- 2. The 2020 Financial Statements be referred for audit.**
- 3. The Acting General Manager be authorised to issue the 2020 Financial Statements upon receipt of the auditor's report.**

Introduction

Section 413 of the Local Government Act, 1993 requires a resolution of Council to refer the draft financial statements to audit.

Section 413(2)(c) requires a resolution of Council that the annual financial statements have been prepared in accordance with;

- The Local Government Act, 1993 (as amended) and the Regulations made there under.
- The Australian Accounting Standard and professional pronouncements.
- The Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.

Further, that to the best of its knowledge and belief, the financial statements present fairly the operating result and financial position, and accord with Council's accounting and other records.

Section 418 of the Act requires that as soon as practicable after Council receives a copy of the auditor's report, it must fix a date for a meeting to present the audited financial statements to the public, and it must make the financial statements available for public inspection for at least seven days prior to the meeting date.

Discussion

The financial statements for the reporting period ended 30 June 2020 are currently being prepared and are scheduled for audit. Pursuant to section 413(1) of the Local Government Act, 1993 Council is required to refer the draft statements to audit.

A Councillor Workshop will be scheduled to allow for information and analysis to be provided.