



## MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING

Held on Thursday 23 February 2023

Commencing at 9:00 am

in the Warialda Office Council Chambers

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### Present

<b>Councillors:</b>	Cr John Coulton (Mayor), Cr Catherine Egan (Deputy Mayor), Cr Jim Moore, Cr Geoff Smith, Cr David Coulton, Cr Tiffany Galvin, Cr Chris Matthews and Cr Lyndon Mulligan (9.37 am)
<b>Staff:</b>	Max Eastcott (General Manager), Leeah Daley (Deputy General Manager), Helen Thomas (Manager Finance), Alex Eddy (Manager, Engineering Services), Justin Hellmuth (Business Improvement and IT Coordinator) and Thais Simpson (Administrative Assistant)
<b>Public:</b>	Sally Robertson (Gwydir News)
<b>Visitors:</b>	

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## **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY**

The Gwydir Shire Council acknowledges that this meeting is being held on Aboriginal land and recognise the strength, resilience and capacity of Gomeroi people in this land.

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## **1 OFFICIAL OPENING AND WELCOME - MAYOR**

The Mayor welcomed all those present to the meeting.

## **2 APOLOGIES**

Cr Marilyn Dixon OAM has advised of her inability to attend this meeting

### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION:**

**THAT the apology received from Cr Dixon OAM is accepted.**

**(Moved Cr C Egan, Seconded Cr T Galvin)**

### **CARRIED**

**For: Cr J Coulton, Cr Egan, Cr D Coulton, Cr Galvin, Cr Matthews, Cr Moore, Cr Mulligan and Cr Smith**

**Against: Nil**

## **3 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION:**

**THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2023 as circulated be taken as read and CONFIRMED.**

**(Moved Cr Matthews, Seconded Cr D Coulton)**

### **CARRIED**

**For: Cr J Coulton, Cr Egan, Cr D Coulton, Cr Galvin, Cr Matthews, Cr Moore, Cr Mulligan and Cr Smith**

**Against: Nil**

## **4 PRESENTATION**

Doctors, Di Coote and Clem Gordon, from the Warialda Family Practice will make a presentation to the meeting in the Confidential Session..

## **5 CALL FOR THE DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS, GIFTS RECEIVED AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Nil

## **6 ADDITIONAL/LATE ITEMS**

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT the report regarding the Bingara Sewer Tender be accepted onto the Confidential Agenda for discussion.**

### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION:**

**THAT the report regarding the Bingara Sewer Tender be accepted onto the Confidential Agenda for discussion.**

**FURTHER that the more comprehensive Quarterly Review report be accepted onto the Agenda for discussion.**

**(Moved Cr Galvin, Seconded Cr Smith)**

### **CARRIED**

**For: Cr J Coulton, Cr Egan, Cr D Coulton, Cr Galvin, Cr Matthews, Cr Moore, Cr Mulligan and Cr Smith**

**Against: Nil**

## **7 OFFICERS' REPORTS**

### **7.1 Committee Meetings' Recommendations**

**File Reference:** NA

#### **Delivery Program**

**Goal:** 5. Organisational management

**Outcome:** 5.1 Corporate management

**Strategy:** 5.1.3 Administrative and support functions

**Author:** General Manager

### **IN BRIEF/SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION**

This report recommends the adoption of the 9<sup>th</sup> February 2023 Committees' recommendations.

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT the following Committee recommendations as listed be adopted:**

**Public Infrastructure Committee**

**Technical Services Report**

**THAT the Monthly Technical Services Report for November 2022 and January 2023 be received.**

**Community Services & Planning Committee**

**Half Yearly Progress Action Report - THAT the report be received.**

**Organisation & Community Services Report - THAT the report be received.**

**Councillors Activity Report - THAT the report be received.**

**Confidential Organisation & Community Services Report - THAT the report be received.**

**Confidential Executive Services Report - THAT the report be received.**

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION:**

**THAT the following Committee recommendations as listed be adopted:**

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**Confidential Organisation & Community Services Report - THAT the report be received.**

**Confidential Executive Services Report - THAT the report be received.**

**(Moved Cr Egan, Seconded Cr Galvin)**

**CARRIED**

**For: Cr J Coulton, Cr Egan, Cr D Coulton, Cr Galvin, Cr Matthews, Cr Moore, Cr Mulligan and Cr Smith**

**Against: Nil**

## 7.2 Investment & Rates Collection Report

**File Reference:** .

### **Delivery Program**

**Goal:** 5. Organisational management

**Outcome:** 5.1 Corporate management

**Strategy:** 5.1.1 Financial Management and accountability systems

**Author:** Administration Assistant

### **STAFF DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

NIL

### **IN BRIEF/SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION**

At each monthly Ordinary Meeting, the Council is presented with the schedule relating to Investments, as at the end of the previous month.

### **TABLED ITEMS**

Nil or list items

### **BACKGROUND**

In accordance with Clause 19(3) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 1993, the following information provides details of Council's funds invested as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 and 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023.

December



## Direct Investments

Broker	ID	Investment Name	Rating	Type	Next Rollover	Yield	Current Value
NAB	2022.10	NAB	AA	TD	23/12/2022	3.05%	\$1,000,000.00
NAB	2022.11	NAB	AA	TD	23/12/2022	3.05%	\$1,000,000.00
NAB	2202.12	NAB	AA	TD	23/12/2022	3.05%	\$1,000,000.00
Grand Total							\$3,000,000.00

## Managed Funds

Fund	Investment Horizon	Type	Yield	Current Value
Regional Australia Bank	At Call	Cash		\$355,656.05
Regional Australia Bank Medical Centre	At Call	Cash	3.00%	\$50,000.00
Grand Total				\$405,656.05

## Total Investments

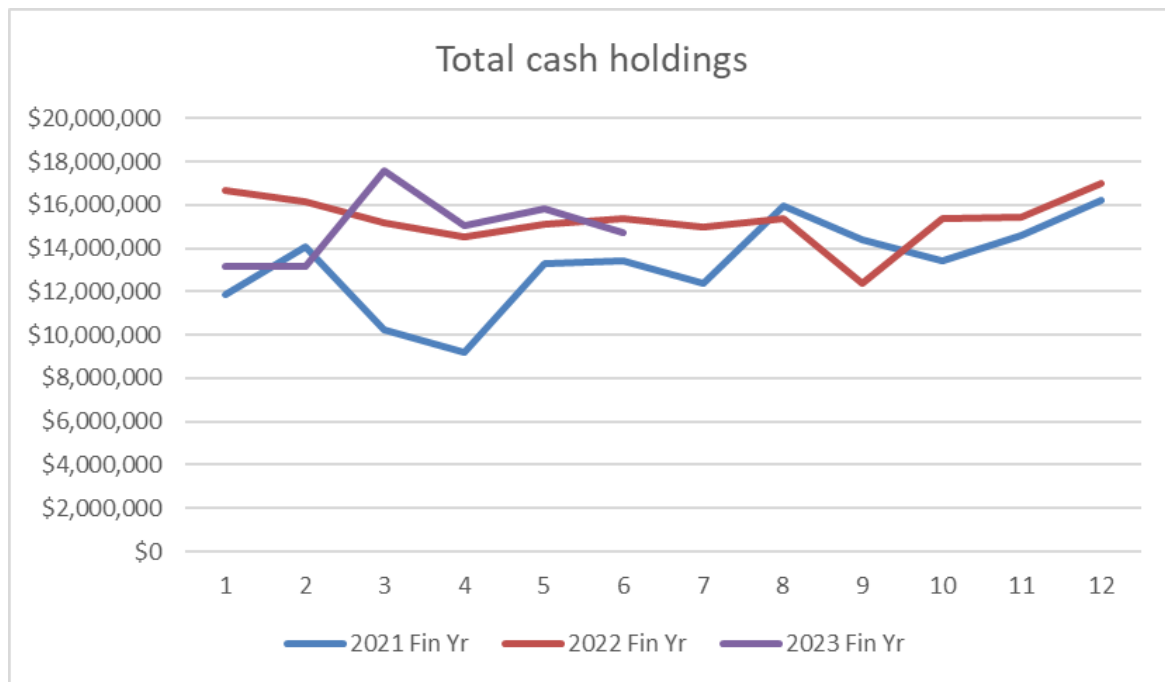
Direct Investments	\$3,000,000.00
Managed Funds	\$405,656.05
Grand Total	\$3,405,656.05

### Cash and Investments

Total Investments	
Direct Investments	\$3,000,000.00
Managed Funds	\$405,656.05
<b>Grand Total Investments</b>	<b>\$3,405,656.05</b>

Total Cash and Investments	
Investments	\$3,405,656.05
Cash at bank	\$11,352,420.39
<b>Grand Total Cash and Investments</b>	<b>\$14,758,076.44</b>

General Fund Cash	
<b>Total cash and investments</b>	<b>\$14,758,076.44</b>
<b>LESS:</b>	
Water fund*	-\$1,182,339.00
Sewer fund*	-\$3,033,672.00
Waste fund*	-\$4,347,803.00
<b>Other restrictions:</b>	
Employee leave entitlements*	-\$400,000.00
Asset replacement*	-\$926,000.00
Bonds and deposits	-\$1,245,769.87
Unexpended grants*	-\$2,800,000.00
Developer contributions	-\$539,000.00
<b>Discretionary General Fund Cash</b>	<b>\$283,492.57</b>



## January

## Direct Investments

Broker	ID	Investment Name	Rating	Type	Next Rollover	Yield	Current Value
NAB	2022.10	NAB	AA	TD	23/12/2022	3.05%	\$1,000,000.00
NAB	2022.11	NAB	AA	TD	23/12/2022	3.05%	\$1,000,000.00
NAB	2202.12	NAB	AA	TD	23/12/2022	3.05%	\$1,000,000.00
Grand Total							\$3,000,000.00

## Managed Funds

Fund	Investment Horizon	Type	Yield	Current Value
Regional Australia Bank	At Call	Cash		\$356,275.28
Regional Australia Bank Medical Centre	At Call	Cash	3.00%	\$50,000.00
Grand Total				\$406,275.28

## Total Investments

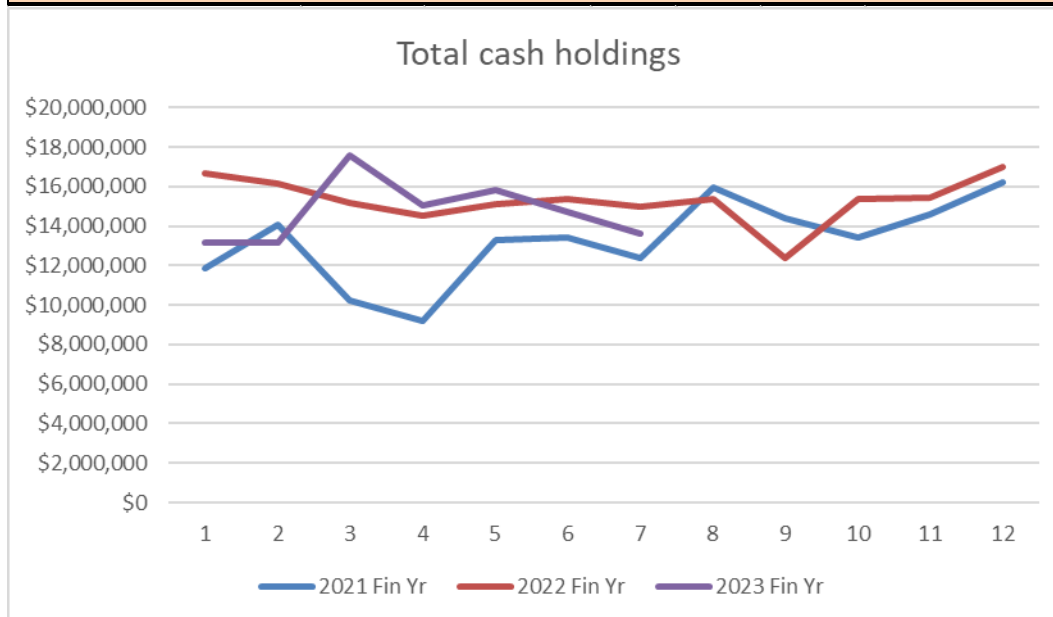
Direct Investments	\$3,000,000.00
Managed Funds	\$406,275.28
Grand Total	\$3,406,275.28

### Cash and Investments

Total Investments	
Direct Investments	\$3,000,000.00
Managed Funds	\$406,275.28
<b>Grand Total Investments</b>	<b>\$3,406,275.28</b>

Total Cash and Investments	
Investments	\$3,406,275.28
Cash at bank	\$10,231,364.19
<b>Grand Total Cash and Investments</b>	<b>\$13,637,639.47</b>

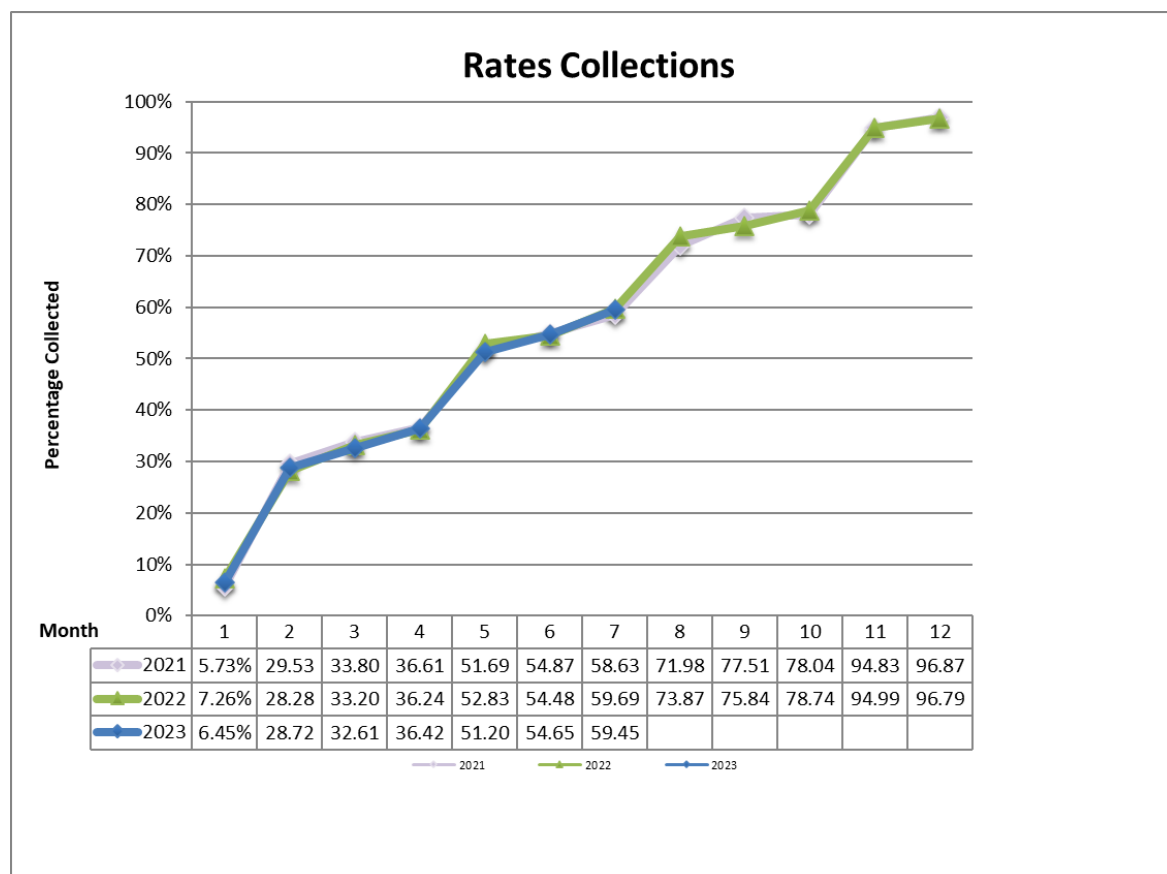
General Fund Cash	
<b>Total cash and investments</b>	<b>\$13,637,639.47</b>
<b>LESS:</b>	
Water fund*	-\$1,062,676.00
Sewer fund*	-\$2,987,412.00
Waste fund*	-\$4,278,857.00
<b>Other restrictions:</b>	
Employee leave entitlements*	-\$400,000.00
Asset replacement*	-\$726,000.00
Bonds and deposits	-\$1,245,769.87
Unexpended grants*	-\$2,300,000.00
Developer contributions	-\$539,000.00
<b>Discretionary General Fund Cash</b>	<b>\$97,924.60</b>



I, Helen Thomas, CFO and Responsible Accounting Officer for Gwydir Shire Council, certify that the Council's investments have been made in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 and Council's Investment Policy, as amended.

## RATES COLLECTIONS

The graph below represents a comparative of the percentage collections for the current year against the two previous rating years. The current years collections are up to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023.



## OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

**THAT the December 2022 and January 2023 Monthly Investment and Rates Collection report be received.**

## ATTACHMENTS

Nil

## COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

**THAT the December 2022 and January 2023 Monthly Investment and Rates Collection report be received.**

**(Moved Cr D Coulton, Seconded Cr Smith)**

**CARRIED**

**For: Cr J Coulton, Cr Egan, Cr D Coulton, Cr Galvin, Cr Matthews, Cr Moore, Cr Mulligan and Cr Smith**

**Against: Nil**

### 7.3 Quarterly Review

**File Reference:** NA

**Delivery Program**

**Goal:** 5. Organisational management

**Outcome:** 5.1 Corporate management

**Strategy:** 5.1.1 Financial Management and accountability systems

**Author:** General Manager

**STAFF DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST Nil**

**IN BRIEF/SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION**

This report recommends that the December Quarter Budget Review Statement be noted and that the December Quarter budget adjustments be approved.

**COMMENT**

The commentary in this report is directed at overall results. The impact on individual business units and by implication the associated service levels has not been assessed - this is the responsibility of individual directors and managers.

Changes within the December quarterly review are based around ongoing operations largely based around grant funded projects. There are significant increased for the Naroo business unit as changes to funding will help increase income and ensure future viability.

While the adjustments have a slightly negative impact on the bottom line, Council will ensure that throughout the year expenditure will be matched to as much grant funded works as possible. This will be a benefit to Council's cash position and ensure our Contracted Liability at the end of the financial year is as low as possible.

Council will be investigation borrowings in coming months to ensure the cash position remains steady. Unfortunately, there are several large road projects that are grant funding that occur concurrently and with the funding bodies holding a portion of grant funding until the completion of jobs, Council will be out of pocket during this time.

**STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

Local Government Act 1993 and associated regulations. A quarterly budget review is due within 2 months of the end of each quarter under the requirements of Clause 203 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005: 203 Budget review statements and revision of estimates

1. Not later than 2 months after the end of each quarter, the responsible accounting officer of a council must prepare and submit to the council a budget review statement that shows, by reference to the estimate of income and expenditure set out in the

management plan that the council has adopted for the relevant year, a revised estimate of the income and expenditure for that year.

2. A budget review statement must include or be accompanied by: 1. a report as to whether or not the responsible accounting officer believes that the statement indicates that the financial position of the council is satisfactory, having regard to the original estimate of income and expenditure, and 2. if that position is unsatisfactory, recommendations for remedial action. 3. A budget review statement must also include any information required by the Code to be included in such a statement.

#### **OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT the December Quarter Budget Review Statement be noted.**

**FURTHER that the December Quarter budget adjustments be approved.**

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. December QBRS [7.3.1 - 9 pages]

#### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION:**

**THAT the December Quarter Budget Review Statement be noted.**

**FURTHER that the December Quarter budget adjustments be approved.**

**(Moved Cr Egan, Seconded Cr Galvin)**

#### **CARRIED**

**For: Cr J Coulton, Cr Egan, Cr D Coulton, Cr Galvin, Cr Matthews, Cr Moore, Cr Mulligan and Cr Smith**

**Against: Nil**



Gwydir Shire Council

**Quarterly Budget Review Statement**

for the period 01/10/22 to 31/12/22

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Gwydir Shire Council

**Quarterly Budget Review Statement**

for the period 01/10/22 to 31/12/22

**Report by Responsible Accounting Officer**

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

**31 December 2022**

It is my opinion that the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for Gwydir Shire Council for the quarter ended 31/12/22 indicates that Council's projected financial position at 30/6/23 will be satisfactory at year end, having regard to the projected estimates of income and expenditure and the original budgeted income and expenditure.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**date:**

Helen Thomas  
Responsible Accounting Officer

Gwydir Shire Council

**Quarterly Budget Review Statement**  
for the period 01/10/22 to 31/12/22

**Income & Expenses Budget Review Statement**

Budget review for the quarter ended 31 December 2022

**Income & Expenses - Council Consolidated**

	Original Budget 2022/23	Approved Changes					Revised Budget 2022/23	Variations for this Dec Qtr	Notes	Projected Year End Result	Actual YTD figures
		Carry Forwards	Other than by QBRS	Sep QBRS	Dec QBRS	Mar QBRS					
<b>Income</b>											
Rates and Annual Charges	(11,249,693)			(9,400)			(11,259,093)	(24,179)		(11,283,272)	(11,355,765)
User Charges and Fees	(2,776,790)			(46,800)			(2,823,590)	(334,682)		(3,158,272)	(1,564,065)
Interest and Investment Revenues	(29,000)			(18,000)			(47,000)	(36,327)		(83,327)	(116,271)
Other Revenues	(3,685,834)			40,164			(3,645,670)	(75,435)		(3,721,105)	(506,872)
Grants & Contributions - Operating	(9,310,259)			(828,876)			(10,139,135)	(263,369)		(10,402,504)	(7,162,338)
Grants & Contributions - Capital	(26,196,209)	-		(4,686,651)			(30,882,860)	(224,430)		(31,107,290)	(7,835,045)
Net gain from disposal of assets	(600,000)			-			(600,000)			(600,000)	(3,222)
Transfer from reserves	(2,834,000)			(225,000)			(3,059,000)			(3,059,000)	
<b>Total Income from Continuing Operations</b>	<b>(56,681,785)</b>	-	-	<b>(5,774,563)</b>	-	-	<b>(62,456,348)</b>	<b>(958,422)</b>		<b>(63,414,770)</b>	<b>(28,543,578)</b>
<b>Expenses</b>											
Employee Costs	13,371,663			(1,835)			13,369,828	298,528		13,668,356	6,778,092
Borrowing Costs	320,961						320,961			320,961	127,513
Materials & Contracts	38,331,942	-		5,848,390			44,180,332	568,576		44,748,908	20,139,872
Depreciation	7,795,526			-			7,795,526			7,795,526	4,174,541
Legal Costs	14,000						14,000			14,000	4,874
Consultants	409,000						409,000			409,000	377,460
Other Expenses	2,942,325			247,207			3,189,532	44,626		3,234,158	1,825,906
Net Loss from disposal of assets							-			-	60,767
<b>Total Expenses from Continuing Operations</b>	<b>63,185,417</b>	-	-	<b>6,093,762</b>	-	-	<b>69,279,179</b>	<b>911,730</b>		<b>70,190,909</b>	<b>33,489,025</b>
<b>Net Operating Result from Continuing Operations</b>	<b>6,503,632</b>	-	-	<b>319,199</b>	-	-	<b>6,822,831</b>	<b>(46,692)</b>	-	<b>6,776,139</b>	<b>4,945,447</b>
Discontinued Operations - Surplus/(Deficit)										-	
<b>Net Operating Result from All Operations</b>	<b>6,503,632</b>	-	-	<b>319,199</b>	-	-	<b>6,822,831</b>	<b>(46,692)</b>		<b>6,776,139</b>	<b>4,945,447</b>
<b>Net Operating Result before Capital Items</b>	<b>32,699,841</b>	-	-	<b>5,005,850</b>	-	-	<b>37,705,691</b>	<b>177,738</b>		<b>37,883,429</b>	<b>12,780,492</b>

Gwydir Shire Council

**Quarterly Budget Review Statement**

for the period 01/10/22 to 31/12/22

**Income & Expenses Budget Review Statement****Recommended changes to revised budget**

Budget Variations being recommended include the following material items:

<b>Notes</b>	<b>Details</b>
User charges and fees	Increase in Naroo fees due to funding changes
Operating Grants	Increase in Naroo grant funding
Capital Grants	Gravesend Water Treatment plant funding, sewer
Employee Costs	Increase in casual wages and overtime
Materials and Contracts	Increase in contractors for road works

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Gwydir Shire Council

**Quarterly Budget Review Statement**  
 for the period 01/10/22 to 31/12/22
**Capital Budget Review Statement**

Budget review for the quarter ended 31 December 2022

**Capital Budget - Council Consolidated**

	Original Budget 2022/23	Approved Changes					Revised Budget 2022/23	Variations for this Dec Qtr	Notes	Projected Year End Result
		Carry Forwards	Other than by QBRS	Sep QBRS	Dec QBRS	Mar QBRS				
<b>Capital Expenditure</b>										
New Assets										
- Plant & Equipment							-			-
- Land & Buildings							-			-
- Other			-				-			-
Renewal Assets (Replacement)										
- Plant & Equipment	1,612,000						1,612,000			1,612,000
- Land & Buildings							-			-
- Roads, Bridges, Footpaths	21,397,924			-			21,397,924	-		21,397,924
Materials							-			-
Loan Repayments (Principal)	465,000						465,000			465,000
Waste	-						-	-		-
Water supply	410,000			165,500			575,500	93,000		668,500
Sewerage services	2,660,000						2,660,000	95,000		2,755,000
<b>Total Capital Expenditure</b>	<b>26,544,924</b>	-	-	<b>165,500</b>	-	-	<b>26,710,424</b>	<b>188,000</b>		<b>26,898,424</b>
<b>Capital Funding</b>										
Rates & Other Untied Funding	-			-			-			-
Capital Grants & Contributions	21,215,070			-			21,215,070			21,215,070
Reserves:										
- External Restrictions/Reserves	1,659,854	-					1,659,854			1,659,854
- Internal Restrictions/Reserves							-	-		-
New Loans							-	-		-
Receipts from Sale of Assets							-	-		-
- Plant & Equipment	600,000						600,000			600,000
Waste							-			-
Water supply	410,000			165,500			575,500	93,000		668,500
Sewerage services	2,660,000						2,660,000	95,000		2,755,000
<b>Total Capital Funding</b>	<b>26,544,924</b>	-	-	<b>165,500</b>	-	-	<b>26,710,424</b>	<b>188,000</b>		<b>26,898,424</b>
<b>Net Capital Funding - Surplus/(Deficit)</b>		-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-

Gwydir Shire Council

**Quarterly Budget Review Statement**

for the period 01/10/22 to 31/12/22

**Capital Budget Review Statement  
Recommended changes to revised budget**

Budget Variations being recommended include the following material items:

<b>Notes</b>	<b>Details</b>
Sewerage	Bingar Sewerage Extension
Water	Gravesend water treatment plant

Gwydir Shire Council

**Quarterly Budget Review Statement**  
for the period 01/10/22 to 31/12/22

**Cash & Investments Budget Review Statement**

Budget review for the quarter ended 31 December 2022

**Cash & Investments - Council Consolidated**

(\$000's)	Original Budget 2022/23	Approved Changes					Revised Budget 2022/23	Variations for this Dec Qtr		Notes	Projected Year End Result	Actual YTD figures
		Carry Forwards	Other than by QBRS	Sep QBRS	Dec QBRS	Mar QBRS						
<b>Externally Restricted <sup>(1)</sup></b>												
Aged Care Bonds	700,000						700,000				700,000	625,000
Developer Contributions	539,000						539,000				539,000	539,000
Specific Purpose unexpended Grants	800,000						800,000				800,000	2,800,000
Water	2,500,000						2,500,000				2,500,000	1,182,000
Sewer	3,500,000						3,500,000				3,500,000	3,033,000
Domestic Waste Management	3,000,000						3,000,000				3,000,000	4,347,000
<b>Total Externally Restricted</b>	<b>11,039,000</b>	-	-	-	-	-	<b>11,039,000</b>	-			<b>11,039,000</b>	<b>12,526,000</b>
(1) Funds that must be spent for a specific purpose												
<b>Internally Restricted <sup>(2)</sup></b>												
Employee Leave Entitlement	800,000						800,000				800,000	400,000
Trust Accounts	50,000	-					50,000				50,000	64,000
<b>Total Internally Restricted</b>	<b>850,000</b>	-	-	-	-	-	<b>850,000</b>	-			<b>850,000</b>	<b>464,000</b>
(2) Funds that Council has earmarked for a specific purpose												
<b>Unrestricted (ie. available after the above Restriction)</b>	1,611,000	-	-		-	-	1,611,000	-			1,611,000	1,768,076
<b>Total Cash &amp; Investments</b>	<b>13,500,000</b>	-					<b>13,500,000</b>				<b>13,500,000</b>	<b>14,758,076</b>

Gwydir Shire Council

**Quarterly Budget Review Statement**

for the period 01/10/22 to 31/12/22

**Contracts Budget Review Statement**

Budget review for the quarter ended 31 December 2022

**Part A - Contracts Listing** - contracts entered into during the quarter

Contractor	Contract detail & purpose	Contract Value	Start Date	Duration of Contract	Budgeted (Y/N)	Notes
Uniplan	Hope Street Buildings	708,367	01/12/22		Y	



Gwydir Shire Council

**Quarterly Budget Review Statement**

for the period 01/10/22 to 31/12/22

**Consultancy & Legal Expenses Budget Review Statement**

## Consultancy &amp; Legal Expenses Overview

<b>Expense</b>	<b>YTD Expenditure (Actual Dollars)</b>	<b>Budgeted (Y/N)</b>
Consultancies	390,125	y
Legal Fees	4,784	y

**Definition of a consultant:**

A consultant is a person or organisation engaged under contract on a temporary basis to provide recommendations or high level specialist or professional advice to assist decision making by management. Generally it is the advisory nature of the work that differentiates a consultant from other contractors.

**Comments**

Expenditure included in the above YTD figure includes: Project Management and Governance consultants.

## 8 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cr Matthews raised the following issues:

Could the Council's Rangers please investigate the amount of dog waste at 16 Frazer Street Bingara, which is impacting on their neighbours;

The Bingara Op-Shop is locating a defibrillator to the outside of the shop in an external security box, which the Council should consider using more widely;

The recent changes announced by the Shire's local State Member relating to Doctor Registrars won't really help smaller communities like Bingara; and;

He was particularly concerned about the current disparaging comments about the Bingara Medical Centre being spread apparently by some senior staff members of the Bingara MPS.

Cr Moore raised the following issues:

He thanked the Council's staff and plant, especially a grader, for attending the Reardon's 1500 acres grass fire, which certainly curtailed the spread of the fire; and;

A complaint was passed onto him about the cleanliness of the Warialda Memorial Hall kitchen.

Cr Smith raised the following issues:

Has the Warialda Men's Shed personnel approached the Council about supporting the WMS in a grant application for an appropriate extractor fan for its building? The meeting was advised that there has been no approach but the Council would certainly assist when asked;

The Asset Protection Zone on the northern side of Warialda is starting to get regrowth, which requires attention; and;

He asked if any other Councillors had received KnowB4 emails. The meeting was advised about the Council's anti-phishing fundamentals training.

Cr Galvin raised the following issues:

The meeting was reminded about the upcoming Grazing on the Gwydir event to be held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2023. On the same day the Kytherian Society are holding a back to Bingara Day and it may be an ideal opportunity to distribute promotional packs about the Roxy Café, which will once again become vacant from next Sunday; and;

Bingara Vision 2020 and the Bingara Business Group are now meeting regularly. One of the future projects is having Justin Herald speak and Cr

Galvin asked if this could be an event held for the staff as well during his visit. The Deputy GM will follow-up with Cr Galvin.

Cr Egan

She thanked the Council's staff for the weed spraying that was conducted recently along the river bank but requested that it be continued as there was a large section of the infected area that wasn't sprayed for the Noogoora Weed.

Cr J Coulton raised the following issues:

He reminded the meeting that Mr D Flannigan will be speaking on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023, and it would be good if this was promoted widely within the Shire;

He advised the meeting that he and the GM attended two events in Sydney sponsored by LGNSW and the Country Mayors' Association. Both events were about the election priorities in the 'bush' for the upcoming State Election. The issues raised and the quality of the speakers was outlined to the meeting. The types of matters raised related to Health, the Red Fleet, sustainability, etc; and;

The apparent win in keeping the Bingara Fire Station open was discussed.

## **9 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION:**

**THAT the Council resolve into Confidential Session, Committee of the Whole and that in the public interest and in accordance with Section 10 A (2) of the Local Government Act, 1993, the public and press be excluded from the meeting to consider Item(s) listed on the Agenda.**

**(Moved Cr Matthews, Seconded Cr Egan)**

### **CARRIED**

**For: Cr J Coulton, Cr Egan, Cr D Coulton, Cr Galvin, Cr Matthews, Cr Moore, Cr Mulligan and Cr Smith**

**Against: Nil**

### **9.1 Adoption of the Recommendations of the Confidential Session**

The meeting was re-opened to the public at 12.42 pm.

### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION:**

**THAT the recommendations of the Confidential Session, namely:**

**Regional Waste Collection Processing Tender Evaluation**

Resolution remains confidential until Narrabri Shire Council resolves its position on the tender.

**Bingara Sewer Tender**

**THAT Council accepts the construction tender from H2H Plumbing Ptd Ltd for \$2,928,995.30 and the General Manager is authorized to sign off on the details of the contract including the affixing of the Council's Common Seal if required.**

**FURTHER that the Council accepts the product tender from Enviro One services Pty Ltd the General Manager is authorized to sign off on the details of the contract including the affixing of the Council's Common Seal if required.**

**FURTHER that the Council initiate the application for a Sewerage Fund loan for the expenditure and that the repayments are spread across all sewer assessment holders.**

**are adopted.**

**(Moved Cr Egan, Seconded Cr Mulligan)**

**CARRIED**

**For: Cr J Coulton, Cr Egan, Cr D Coulton, Cr Galvin, Cr Matthews, Cr Moore, Cr Mulligan and Cr Smith**

**Against: Nil**

**10 CLOSURE**

The meeting closed at 12.44 pm.