



ANNUAL BUDGET ASSUMPTIONS 2026-2027



INCOME

- Rates Income will increase on average 4.8%
- Waste charges will increase on average 5.9%
- 3.3% Increase has been applied to Fees and charges
- At the time of budget preparation, the Federal Government is yet to publish Financial Assistance Grants for the 26-27 Financial year. All other Government grants were forecast by analysing historical data to identify trends. Expected grant inflows are based on prior agreements and forecast to remain consistent with the prior year.
- Interest Income is forecast using anticipated interest rates based on current or near-term rates tied broadly to RBA Cash Rate – discounted to reflect conservative investment duration and liquidity requirements.

EXPENDITURE

- An increase in Employee expenses is due to the Enterprise Bargaining Agreement (EBA), 3% increment rises and resource allocation increases.
- Increases in legal fees aligned to commencement of negotiations to replace Council's expired EBA currently in force.
- Materials and Contracts expenses are forecast to increase due to inflation
- Electricity forecast to increase by a minimum of 37% based on cost reflective tariff pricing to local government
- Road Transport Contractual Chain Order – Fuel Cost Recovery – 2026 ("RTCCO") made by the Fair Work Commission came into force on 21 April 2026. Primary parties to contracts now required to adjust rates for road transport services to ensure increased fuel costs are recovered. Base Fuel Price (AIP TGP) forecast to Increase by up to 76%
- Elected Members allowances and expenses will be paid as per the [Northern Territory of Australia Remuneration Tribunal – Determination of Allowances for members of Local Councils](#).

EXPLANATION NOTES

- Council committee allowances and expenses have been provided for the Independent members of the Audit and Risk Management Committee
- The Budgeted operating Deficit is due to non-cash expenses of depreciation and the Unwinding of the discount for Waste Management Facility Make Good provision. Regulation 10 of the Local Government General Regulations 2021 states a council may budget for a deficit if the reason for the deficit can be attributed to: depreciation, amortisation, asset write-downs, expenditure of tied grant funding recorded as income in a prior year or other non-cash items.
- Total Prior year actuals forecast based on the approved 2nd Budget review 2025-2026 and the Long Term Financial Plan assumptions.



ANNUAL BUDGET AND LONG-TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2026-2027

ANNUAL BUDGET INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

ANNUAL BUDGET INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT	DRAFT BUDGET 2026-2027 \$	FORECAST 2027-2028 \$	FORECAST 2028-2029 \$	FORECAST 2029-2030 \$	FORECAST 2030-2031 \$
OPERATING INCOME					
Rates	10,614,408	11,123,900	11,657,847	12,217,423	12,803,860
Waste Charges	1,730,765	1,832,880	1,941,020	2,055,540	2,176,817
Fees and Charges	3,153,943	3,258,023	3,365,538	3,476,601	3,591,328
Operating Grants & Subsidies	3,788,593	2,362,776	2,433,659	2,506,669	2,581,869
Bank & Investment Income	600,000	700,000	728,700	758,577	789,678
Other revenue	30,000	346,846	362,108	378,040	394,674
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	19,917,709	19,624,425	20,488,872	21,392,850	22,338,227
OPERATING EXPENDITURE					
Employment Expenses	7,038,410	7,249,562	7,467,049	7,691,061	7,921,792
Materials & Contracts	11,445,937	11,674,856	11,908,353	12,146,520	12,389,450
Elected Member Allowances	415,040	415,040	415,040	415,040	415,040
Elected Member Expenses	165,625	165,625	165,625	165,625	165,625
Council Committee Allowances	25,000	56,100	57,222	58,366	59,534
Council Committee Expenses	38,000	8,160	8,323	8,490	8,659
Depreciation, Amortisation & Impairment	6,125,782	6,488,298	6,541,918	6,912,756	7,291,012
Interest Expenses	64,000	156,353	238,645	243,418	248,286
Other Expenses	70,000	71,400	72,828	74,285	75,770
Finance Costs - Unwinding of WMF Discounting	629,865	664,603	692,849	711,902	731,480
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE	26,017,659	26,949,997	27,567,852	28,427,462	29,306,649
BUDGETED OPERATING SURPLUS / DEFICIT	(6,099,950)	(7,325,572)	(7,078,980)	(7,034,612)	(6,968,422)

ANNUAL BUDGET OPERATING POSITION - DRAFT 2026-2027

ANNUAL BUDGET INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT



ANNUAL BUDGET OPERATING POSITION	DRAFT BUDGET 2026-2027 \$	FORECAST 2027-2028 \$	FORECAST 2028-2029 \$	FORECAST 2029-2030 \$	FORECAST 2030-2031 \$
BUDGETED OPERATING SURPLUS / DEFICIT	(6,099,950)	(7,325,572)	(7,078,980)	(7,034,612)	(6,968,422)
less Non-Cash Income	-	-	-	-	-
Add Back Non-Cash Expenses	6,125,782	7,152,901	7,234,767	7,624,658	8,022,492
TOTAL NON-CASH ITEMS	6,125,782	7,152,901	7,234,767	7,624,658	8,022,492

Less ADDITIONAL OUTFLOWS	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Expenditure	5,952,530	2,420,177	1,486,029	1,445,817	991,709
Borrowing Repayments (Principal Only)	-	250,000	333,333	333,333	333,333
Transfers to Reserves	-	-	-	200,000	635,000
Other Outflows - Repayments	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ADDITIONAL OUTFLOWS	5,952,530	2,670,177	1,819,362	1,979,150	1,960,042

Add ADDITIONAL INFLOWS	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Grants Income	1,711,000	1,090,177	635,029	743,797	288,649
Prior Year Carry Forward Tied Funding	30,000	-	-	-	-
Other Inflow of Funds	-	45,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Drawdown of Borrowings	3,000,000	-	-	-	-
Transfers from Reserves	1,241,530	1,707,671	127,546	595,307	632,324
TOTAL ADDITIONAL INFLOWS	5,982,530	2,842,848	812,575	1,389,104	970,973
NET BUDGETED OPERATING POSITION	55,832	-	-	-	65,000

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE AND FUNDING BUDGET - DRAFT 2026-2027

BY CLASS OF INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

BY CLASS OF INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	DRAFT BUDGET 2026-2027 \$	FORECAST 2027-2028 \$	FORECAST 2028-2029 \$	FORECAST 2029-2030 \$	FORECAST 2030-2031 \$
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE					
Buildings & Other Structures	2,708,530	710,000	150,000	50,000	-
Improvements	291,000	79,960	-	-	-
Plant & Equipment	195,000	150,000	150,000	-	-
Furniture, Fittings & Equipment	213,000	50,000	51,000	52,020	53,060
Infrastructure - Footpaths & Cycleways	1,030,000	175,069	-	-	-
Infrastructure - Roads	1,415,000	855,148	1,035,029	1,143,797	738,649
Infrastructure - Stormwater & Drainage	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
Infrastructure - Street Lighting	-	150,000	-	-	-
Infrastructure - Irrigation	150,000	150,000	-	100,000	100,000
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	5,952,530	2,420,177	1,486,029	1,445,817	991,709

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FUNDING					
Council Operational Contribution	-	1,230,000	781,000	667,020	668,060
Utilisation of Retained Earnings	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Grants	1,711,000	1,090,177	635,029	743,797	288,649
Deferred Capital Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers from Capital Reserves	1,241,530	-	-	-	-
Borrowings	3,000,000	-	-	-	-
Sale of Assets (Including Trade-In)	-	100,000	70,000	35,000	35,000
Other Funding	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FUNDING	5,952,530	2,420,177	1,486,029	1,445,817	991,709

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION - DRAFT 2026-2027

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION	DRAFT BUDGET 2026-2027 \$	FORECAST 2027-2028 \$	FORECAST 2028-2029 \$	FORECAST 2029-2030 \$	FORECAST 2030-2031 \$
ASSETS					
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at Bank and On Hand	25,839,505	23,809,161	24,761,527	21,847,785	20,430,052
Trade and other receivables	2,590,449	2,668,162	2,748,207	3,048,824	3,640,131
Inventories	22,339	23,165	23,721	24,290	24,873
Total Current Assets	28,452,293	26,500,488	27,533,456	24,920,899	24,095,056
NON-CURRENT ASSETS					
Infrastructure, Property, Plant and Equipment	149,704,342	152,124,519	151,190,371	152,636,188	153,627,897
Total Non-Current Assets	149,704,342	152,124,519	151,190,371	152,636,188	153,627,897
TOTAL ASSETS	178,156,635	178,625,007	178,723,827	177,557,087	177,722,953
LIABILITIES					
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Current Payables	1,218,373	2,840,895	2,909,077	2,978,895	3,050,388
Deferred Revenue	-	-	-	-	-
Current Provisions	627,225	646,042	665,423	685,385	705,947
Current Borrowings	-	250,000	333,333	333,333	333,333
Total Current Liabilities	1,845,598	3,736,937	3,907,833	3,997,613	4,089,668
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Employee Entitlements	34,820	35,181	36,237	37,324	38,443
Landfill Rehabilitation Provision	20,391,239	21,055,842	21,748,691	22,460,593	23,192,073
Borrowings	5,000,000	4,750,000	4,416,667	4,083,334	3,750,000
Total Non-Current Liabilities	25,426,059	25,841,023	26,201,595	26,581,251	26,980,516
TOTAL LIABILITIES	27,271,657	29,577,960	30,109,428	30,578,864	31,070,184
NET ASSETS	150,884,978	149,047,047	148,614,399	146,978,223	146,652,769
EQUITY					
Asset Revaluation Reserve	98,420,174	98,420,174	98,420,174	98,420,174	98,420,174
Other Reserves	14,651,023	13,421,023	12,640,023	11,973,003	14,651,023
Accumulated Surplus	37,813,782	37,205,850	37,554,202	36,585,046	33,581,572
TOTAL COUNCIL EQUITY	150,884,979	149,047,047	148,614,399	146,978,223	146,652,769



STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW - DRAFT 2026-2027

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW	DRAFT BUDGET 2026-2027	FORECAST 2027-2028	FORECAST 2028-2029	FORECAST 2029-2030	FORECAST 2030-2031
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES					
RECEIPTS					
Rates	10,614,408	10,486,817	10,990,031	11,517,393	12,070,064
Waste Charges	1,730,765	1,751,047	1,854,519	1,964,104	2,080,162
Fees and Charges	3,153,943	2,512,754	2,570,155	2,627,750	2,686,681
Operating Grants & Subsidies	3,788,593	2,259,019	2,259,019	2,259,019	2,259,019
Bank & Investment Income	600,000	624,600	759,930	589,533	506,356
Other revenue	30,000	346,281	361,552	377,471	394,091
Sub-total	19,917,709	17,980,518	18,795,206	19,335,270	19,996,373

PAYMENTS					
Employee Costs	(7,038,410.00)	(7,249,562)	(7,467,049)	(7,691,060)	(7,921,792)
Materials & Contracts	(11,445,937.00)	(11,674,856)	(11,908,343)	(12,146,519)	(12,389,450)
Elected Members Allowances & Expenses	(580,665.00)	(580,665)	(598,085)	(616,027)	(634,508)
Council Committee Allowances & Expenses	(63,000.00)	(64,890)	(56,135)	(57,819)	(59,554)
Interest Paid	(64,000.00)	(156,353)	(238,645)	(222,942)	(206,875)
Other Expenses	(70,000.00)	(72,100)	(74,263)	(76,491)	(81,149)
Sub-total	(19,192,012)	(19,726,326)	(20,268,257)	(20,810,859)	(21,212,179)
Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Operating Activities	725,697	(1,745,808)	(1,473,051)	(1,475,589)	(1,215,806)

CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES					
RECEIPTS:					
Amounts Specifically for New or Upgraded Assets	1,711,000	1,090,177	635,029	1,090,177	288,649
Sale of Replaced Assets	-	45,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
PAYMENTS:					
Expenditure on Renewal/ Replacement of Assets	(5,952,530)	(2,420,177)	(1,486,029)	(1,445,817)	(991,709)
Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Investing Activities	(4,241,530)	(1,285,000)	(801,000)	(305,640)	(653,060)

CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES					
RECEIPTS:					
Proceeds from Borrowings	3,000,000	-	-	-	-
PAYMENTS:					
Repayment of Borrowings	-	(250,000)	(333,333)	(333,333)	(333,333)
Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Financing Activities	3,000,000	(250,000)	(333,333)	(333,333)	(333,333)
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH HELD					
	(515,833)	(3,280,808)	(2,607,384)	(2,114,562)	(2,202,199)
Cash & Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Period	25,839,505	25,323,672	22,042,864	19,435,480	17,320,918
Cash & Cash Equivalents at End of Period	25,323,672	22,042,864	19,435,480	17,320,918	15,118,719

Note: Loan funding for Civic Centre Refurbishment - Council has secured a Loan of \$5M from the Commonwealth Bank.



PLANNED MAJOR CAPITAL WORKS

PLANNED MAJOR CAPITAL WORKS		CURRENT YEAR BUDGET 2026-2027 \$	FORECAST 30-JUN-28 \$	FORECAST 30-JUN-29 \$	FORECAST 30-JUN-30 \$	FORECAST 30-JUN-31 \$	TOTAL PLANNED BUDGET	EXPECTED COMPLETION DATE
ASSET CLASS	PROJECT							
Buildings and Other Structures	Civic Centre Upgrade	\$2,465,000	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$5,000,000	Dec-26
Buildings and Other Structures	Outhouses & Park Upgrades	\$-	\$710,000	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$710,000.00	Dec-28
Infrastructure - Footpaths and Cycleways	Zimin Drive Upgrade	\$1,010,000	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$1,150,000	Mar-27
Infrastructure - Roads	Rural Road Upgrades		\$855,148	\$1,035,029	\$1,143,797	\$738,649	\$3,772,623	Jun-27
	Zimin & Shadforth							
	Collins, Cragborn,	\$1,355,000	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$1,355,000	Jun-27
	Helena, Hendry, Byers							
Infrastructure - Street Lighting	Lighting the CBD	\$200,000					\$200,000	Jun-27
	General Upgrades	\$-	\$150,000.00	\$-	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$350,000	Jun-27
Infrastructure - Irrigation	General Upgrades							
	Railway Terrace	\$150,000	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$150,000	Jun-27
	Bore upgrades	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$200,000	Jun-27
TOTALS		\$5,180,000	\$1,715,148	\$1,035,029	\$1,343,797	\$938,649	\$12,887,623	





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