

Introduction

Under the current COVID-19 Response arrangements there has been a significant amount of emphasis by the State and Commonwealth Governments to advance maintenance and capital spending on projects that benefit the community during the COVID-19 Pandemic. In March 2020 Council resolved to support this approach in principle but obviously this will be carried out in a financially responsible manner.

Additional Government specific COVID-19 inputs included allocations from the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program (LRCIP). Phase 1 - \$602,446 completed by 30 June 2021, Phase 2 - \$405,889 to be completed by 31 December 2021 and, Phase 3 - \$1,204,892 to be completed by 30 June 2023. Council also added to these amounts

3-Year Indicative Budget Approach

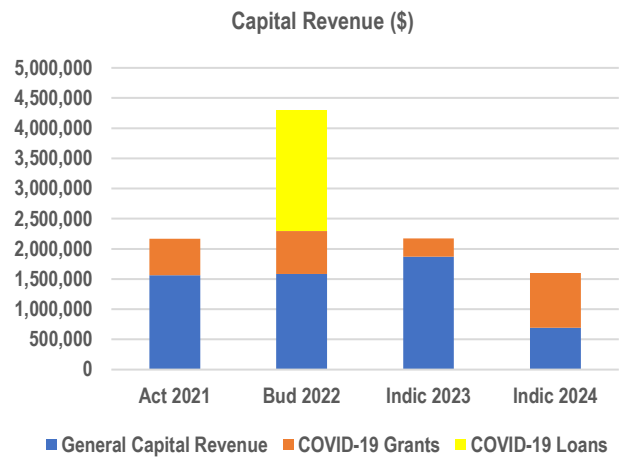
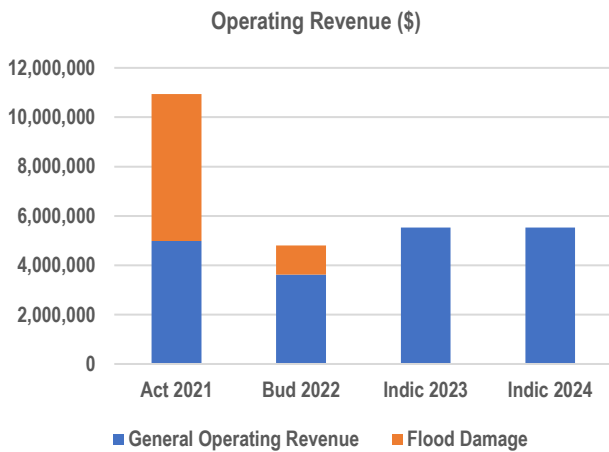
Budgets are set and delivered on an annual basis. In reality works and services are delivered on a continuous basis with the financial year merely a point in time. In the current COVID-19 environment it is also considered prudent to at least look at the situation of at least a 3-year period, given the anticipated changes in an abnormal environment. Part of the 2021/22 budget processes therefore involved examining such a 3-Year indicative budget. The Budget Reserves Net Current Assets Summary Graph at the end of this summary highlights this 3-year approach.

Operating Revenue

A summary of operating revenue is show below. Revenue associated with Flood Damage Repairs tend to significantly impact on Councils normal level of operations. At this stage the 2021/22 Budget has not included any revenue for rainfall events in the early part of 2021 which have been declared but actual amounts not yet known

Capital Revenue

Elevated levels in 2021 to 2024 are as a result of additional government grants and Council loan related to COVID-19 related stimulus measures.

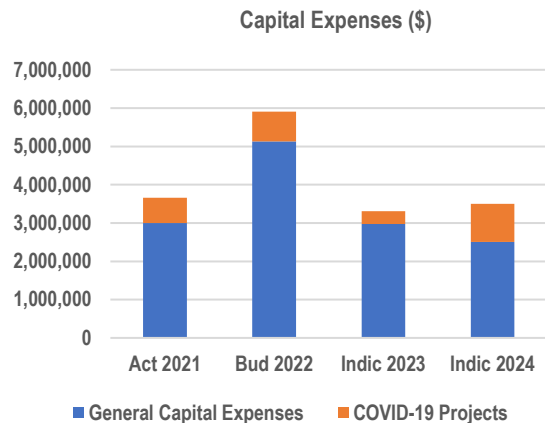
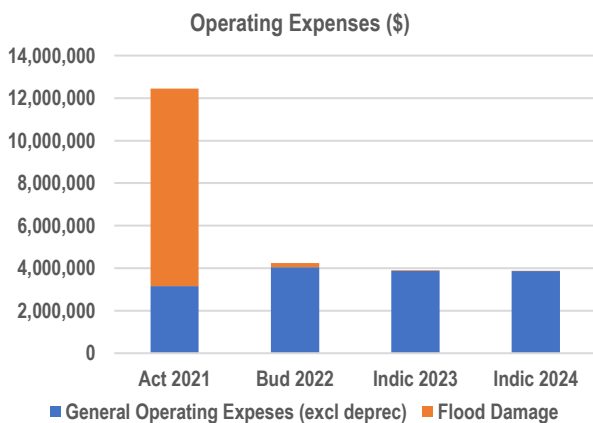


Operating Expenses

As shown although substantially funded, expenses associated with Flood Damage Repairs tend to significantly impact on Councils normal level of operations.

Capital Expenses

As shown elevated levels in 2021 to 2024 are mainly due to COVID-19 related stimulus measures



Rates

Budgeted rate revenue of \$532,000 is to be derived via the following differentials as approved by the Minster for Local Government.

Differential Rate Type	Rate in dollar cents	Min Payment (\$)
UV Pastoral	3.874	600
UV Mining	26.543	600
UV Exploration	9.618	600

Plant Replacement

Plant to be replaced includes scheduled replacement of an Isuzu 5 Tonne Truck plus a 2nd hand grid roller, tractor, flat deck and dolly. Total Gross Cost **\$455,000**.

Settlement Works

Council has finalised the 2021 Settlement Masterplan Report which includes a separate list of capital works projects as listed below in around the Murchison Settlement.

These projects identified below are listed in no priority order. Once detailed scoping and design has been completed and then works prioritised it is expected Council will work through the final priority list until the funding runs out.

A budget allocation amount of **\$1.30m** has been transferred into Reserves. Proj F is to proceed in 2021/22. Proj K is to be developed and scoped with additional funding to be sought.

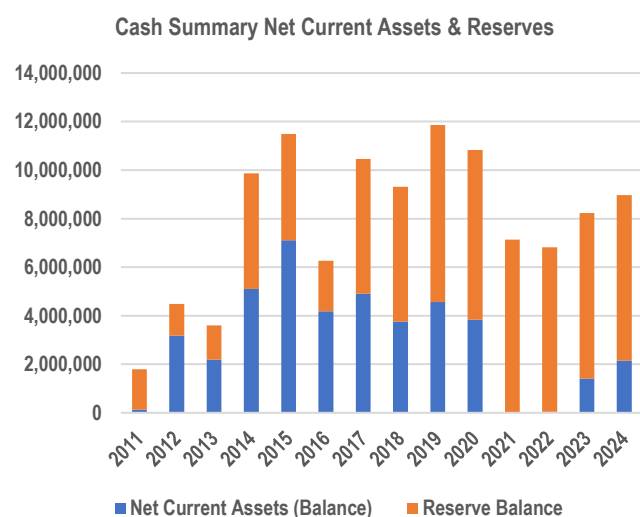
PROJ A	Transportable Classroom
PROJ D	Community / Sports Centre Upgrade
PROJ E	Community Swimming Pool / Splash Pad
PROJ F	New -Caravan Park Ablution Block
PROJ H	New -Caravan Park 2 Ensuite Units
PROJ I	General Settlement Amenity Improvements
PROJ J	Playground Upgrade
PROJ K	Interpretive Centre

Loans

Budget provides for a roadworks loan of \$2.0m, and Solar Power loan of \$0.75m. Both were a carryover items from 2020/21. Loan repayments for the Solar Power Loan are anticipated to be substantially recovered through reduced diesel operating costs at the Murchison Powerhouse.

Budget Reserves Net Current Assets Summary

The following Budget Cash Summary is a graphical representation of the summary of our Reserves (Restricted Cash) and Net Current Assets (Unrestricted Cash)



Capital Works

The 2021/22 budget includes the following Capital Works in \$.

Job	Description	Budget 2022
Administration		
	Council Meeting Tables	15,000
	Library Floor Upgrade	11,000
	Purchase Furniture & Equipment - Admin	10,000
	Administration Vehicles	70,000
Housing		
	Renovation 6 Kurara Way	95,000
Refuse Removal Tip sites & Sewerage		
	Tip Site Development Works	50,000
Town Planning & Other Community Amenities		
	Niche Wall for Settlement Cemetery	30,000
Construction Roads Footpaths Drains Bridges Depot		
	Road Sealing Program	171,839
	Carnarvon Mullewa Road SLK 254.10 to SLK 257.40 Reconstruct Resheet Prep & Seal	278,667
	Carnarvon-Mullewa Rd SLK 0.0 Bilung Creek Crossing Reconstruction	690,000
	LRCIP Phase 2 Works	405,889
	LRCIP Phase 3 Works	301,223
	Beringarra-Cue Rd - Convert to Gravel	767,188
	Grids General	140,000
	Purchase Buildings & Imp - Roads, Bridges, Depot	15,000
Road Plant Purchases		
	Purchase Major Plant & Equipment - Road Plant Purchases	455,000
Airport		
	Airport Taxiway Turnaround Flood Lighting	38,120
	Airport Lighting Upgrade - Own Source Funds	15,000
Other Economic Services		
	Provision of Solar Power	900,000
	Improvements To drinking Water reticulation	200,000
	Roadhouse Cool room/Freezer Room Combination	34,987
	Point of Sale System Roadhouse	22,000
	Washing Machines	7,500
	New Caravan Park Ablution Block	350,000
	New verandah three Accommodation Units	27,500
	Roadhouse Business Works	29,652
	Total Capital Works	5,130,565

Summary

Overall, Council aims to responsibly provide a positive COVID-19 Response Budget and still retain the Murchison Shire and Settlement in a sound long-term sustainable position.

Further Information

Please check Councils Website <https://www.murchison.wa.gov.au/> for further details of the Budget.