

Draft Operational Plan and Budget 2022-2023



From the Mayor, Cr Rob Banham

The 2022-2023 Financial Year budget continues to focus on fixing roads infrastructure with a substantial Capital Works Program for both the sealed and unsealed roads network. Due to the floods and excessive rainfall, Council has a backlog of projects continuing from the previous Financial Year including the Furracabad Road rehabilitation, Grafton Street drainage, Bald Nob Road Stage 1 and the Bridge renewal program.

The 2022-2023 Financial Year Capital budget allocations include the Heavy Patching Program, Gravel Re-sheet Program, Nine Mile Road, Bullock Mountain Road, Haymarket Road, Caerleon Road, new shared paths, new kerb and gutter at Railway Street and Hunter Street, Glen Innes and Rose Valley Road at Emmaville, as well as Bald Nob Road Stage 2.

Allocations also include the Glen Innes Aquatic Centre recoating, tree planting at Tenterfield Street, Deepwater, ANZAC Park playground renewal, the outdoor Basketball and Netball courts, the outdoor playground at the Sports Centre and the modification of the Glen Innes Skate Park.

There have been some tough times over the last couple of years for all the community, both business and residential and now is the time to look forward to making the Glen Innes Severn Local Government Area (LGA) a destination of choice for people to live and work. I thank the hard-working Council staff who prepared the Budget and those who do the hard work to make all these projects happen. Also, a thank you to my fellow Councillors for the time and effort they put into the Budget process.

Budget Summary 2022/2023

Council's Draft Budget is made up of the following:

Operating Income of \$36,983,667

(after Capital Income has been removed);

Operating Expenditure of \$36,948,756;

Capital Income of \$11,202,241;

Capital Expenditure \$19,534,216;

Loan / Lease Repayments \$2,276,992.

The budget includes Flood Recovery grants of \$5M and Airport runway renewal grants for \$1M.

Maintenance and Capital spending on Council's roads, bridges and footpaths infrastructure total \$17M. Council maintains a focus on roads, bridges and footpaths infrastructure.

Other Highlights

- Commencement of operations for the Highland Business Hub;
- Tree planting establishment project for Tenterfield Street, Deepwater;
- Replacement of ANZAC Park Playground equipment;
- Public Art Projects; and
- Pool upgrades including the reapplying of pool seals.

Infrastructure Capital Snapshot

ROADS

Flood Recovery Works \$5M

Heavy Patching Program \$797,713

Nine Mile Road Re-sheeting \$281,400

Bullock Mountain Road Re-sheeting \$437,360

Haymarket Road Re-sheeting \$120,000

Caerleon Road Re-sheeting \$50,440

Emmaville Road Segment 70 \$114,000

Emmaville Road Segment 210 \$200,000

Wellington Vale Road Heavy Patch and Resealing Program \$206,000

BRIDGES

5315 Tent Hill Road, Bark Hut Creek \$250,000

5320 Tent Hill Road, Bark Hut Creek \$250,000

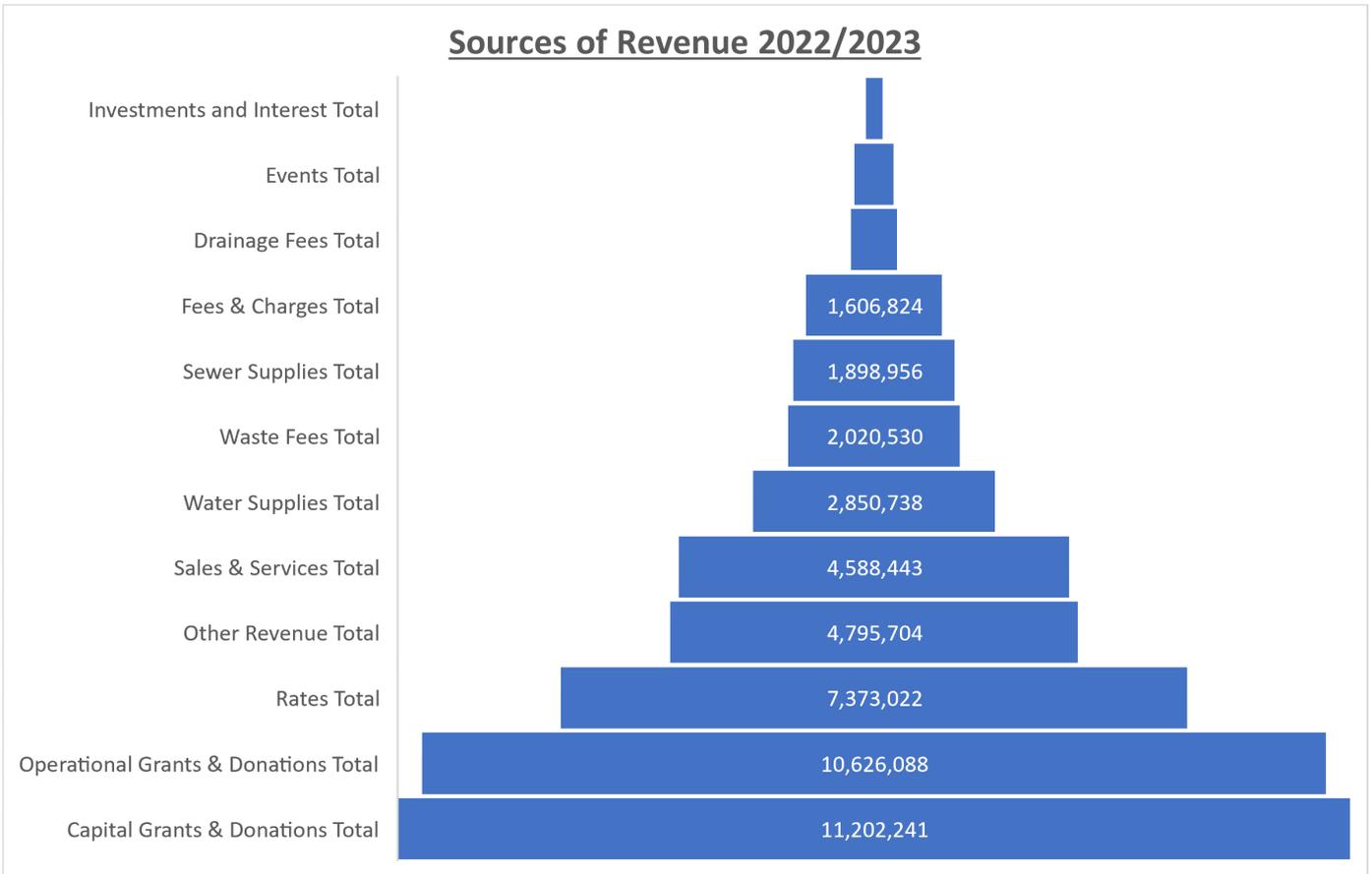
5340 Wentworth Street over Rocky Ponds Creek \$776,225

5170 Furracabad Road over Furracabad Creek \$800,858

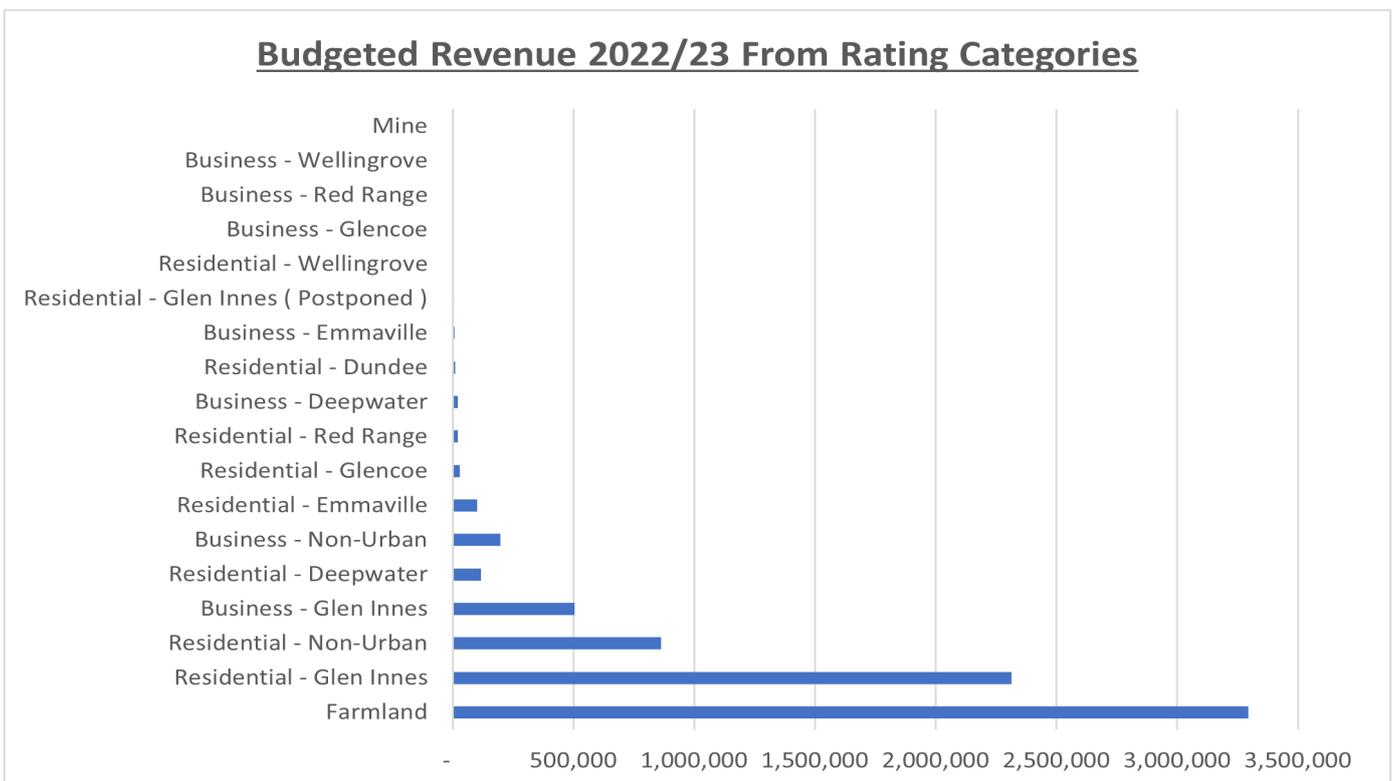
Other

Airport runway renewal \$1M

Where does Council's revenue come from?

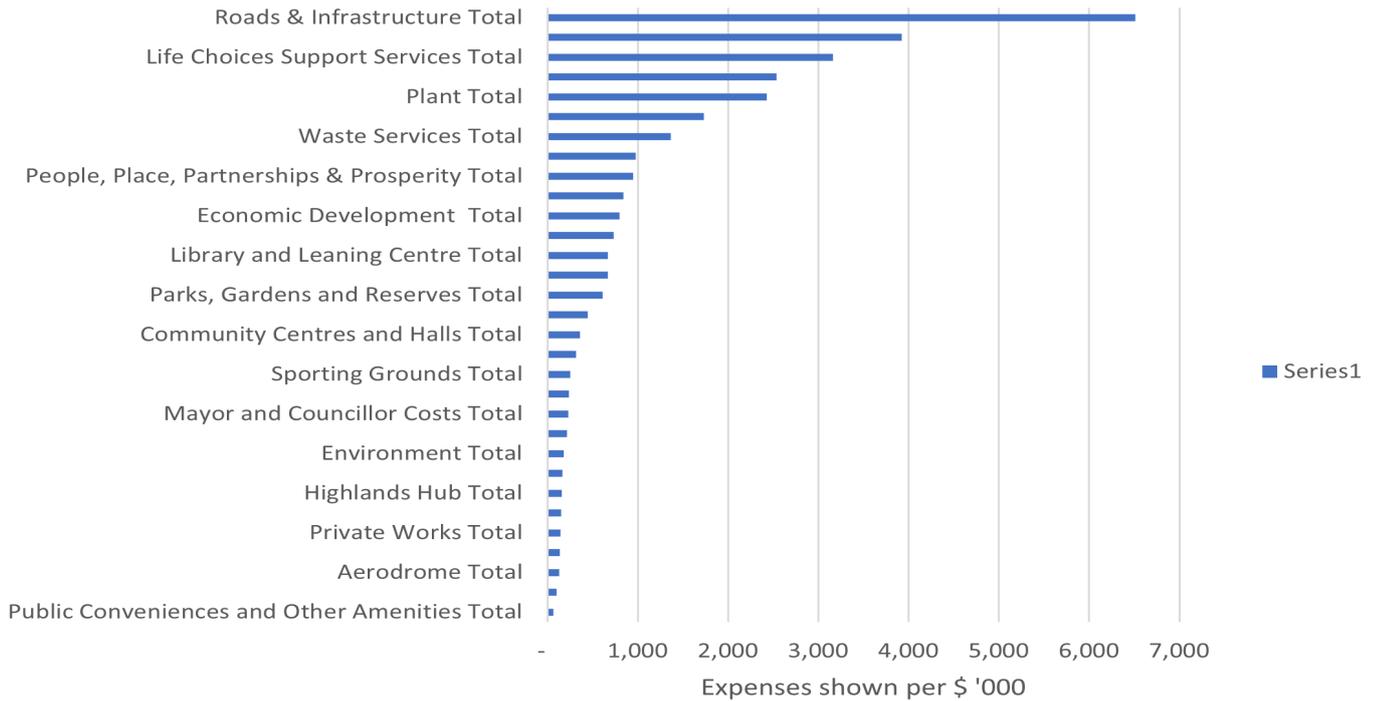


Where does Council's rates revenue come from?



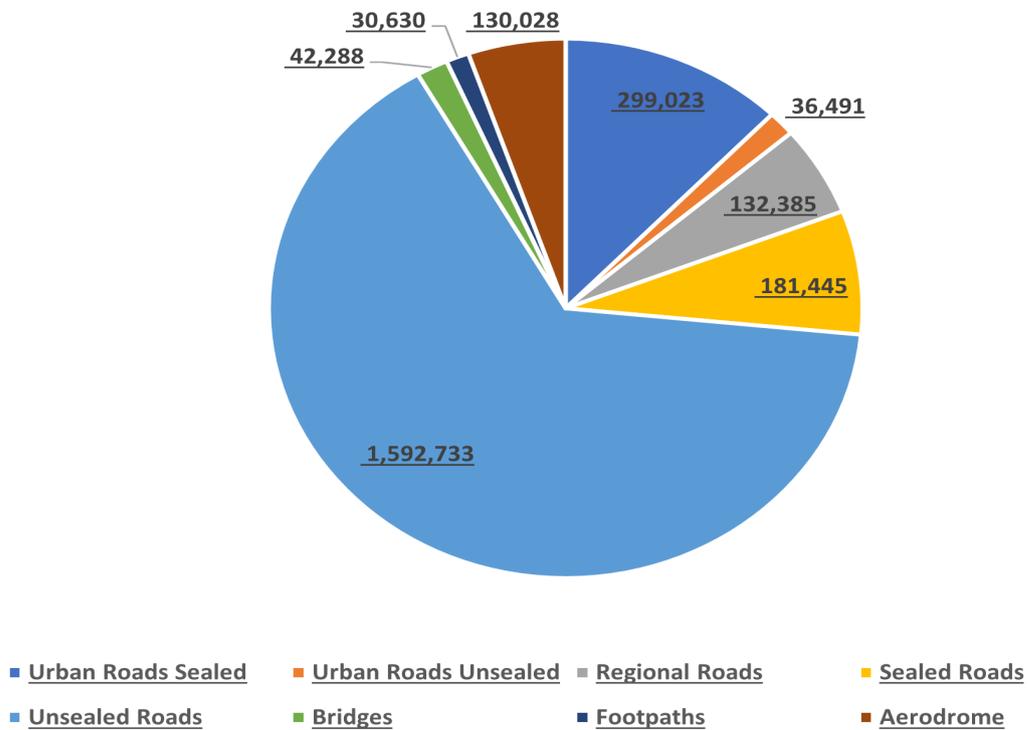
What services does Council provide?

Expenditure by Business Unit



What does Council spend on asset maintenance?

Infrastructure Maintenance Draft 2022/2023



COUNCIL RATES FOR THE 2022-2023 FINANCIAL YEAR

On Monday, 13 December 2021 IPART advised that the traditional cost component of the rate peg for 2022-2023 would be **0.7%**. For Glen Innes Severn Council, IPART modelling for the population growth factor was negligible providing no further increase to the 0.7% traditional cost component. This is the lowest rate peg in two (2) decades and less than half the previous record low of 1.5%, applied in 2017/2018.

It was devastating news for councils already struggling with financial sustainability issues in the wake of drought, bushfire, floods and the COVID-19 pandemic. There was significant advocacy for an amendment to this rate peg across the Local Government sector with the Minister for Local Government and relevant State Government agencies.

IPART subsequently offered councils an opportunity to apply for an additional rate peg. For the Glen Innes Severn Council this is an additional rate peg of 1.3%. This would keep the rate increase at 2%, the level included in the 2021/2022 10 year Long Term Financial Plan. Council has applied for the additional rate peg.

Should the application for the increased rate peg be rejected the level of service that Council provides will need to be reviewed if Council is to remain financially sustainable.

IPART has made a commitment to undertake a broader review of its rate peg methodology, considering the Local Government Cost Index in the review is expected to shape rate peg determinations for future years.

Council continues to face other financial constraints including increases in the Emergency Services Levy, significant increases in insurance, fuel, electricity and materials costs. The latest CPI is 5.1% and the forecasted wage increase is 2.5%, including superannuation. These are strong indicators of tougher economic conditions in the near future.

HAVE YOUR SAY

How can you provide feedback to Council?

COUNCIL VALUES YOUR FEEDBACK

The Draft Operational Plan and Budget for the 2022-2023 Financial Year has been placed on public exhibition from **Thursday, 5 May 2022 until Wednesday, 1 June 2022**.

This is your opportunity to be informed about Council's Draft Operational Plan and Budget goals for the 2022-2023 Financial Year, as well as the Capital Budget. This document also provides information such as Council Fees and Charges for the same period.

This document is accessible on Council's website, as well as at the Town Hall and Church Street offices and the village Post Offices located at Emmaville, Deepwater and Glencoe.

Council now invites written submissions from the community on the content of the document which must be received by **4.30pm on Wednesday, 15 June 2022**.

Please forward written submissions to:

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Submissions will also be accepted by email:

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