



GEORGE TOWN COUNCIL

2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

AGENDA

Thursday 10th November 2022 @ 6.00pm
Council Chambers, 16-18 Anne Street
George Town

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NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Council will be held on Thursday 10th November 2022 in the Council Chambers, George Town commencing at 6.00 pm.

CERTIFICATION

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 65 of the Local Government Act 1993, I hereby certify that the advice, information and recommendations contained within this Agenda have been given by a person who has the qualifications and / or experience necessary to give such advice, information and recommendations or such advice was obtained and taken into account in providing the general advice contained within the Agenda.



Shane Power
GENERAL MANAGER

10th November, 2022

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Local Government Act 1993, Division 3 – Annual General Meeting

72B. Annual General Meeting

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 - a. Is not later than 15 December in each year; and
 - b. Is not before 14 days after the date of the first publication of a notice under subsection (2).
2. A council must publish a notice in a daily newspaper circulating in the municipal area or other prescribed newspaper specifying the date, time and place of the Annual General Meeting.
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Acknowledgement of Country

George Town Council acknowledges the Palawa People from the Litarimirina tribe from Port Dalrymple as the traditional custodians of the land.

We honour and give thanks for the caring of country, seas and skies of kinimathatakinta and surrounds.

We pay respect to the elders past, present and future for they hold the memories, traditions, culture and hope of pakana people in Lutruwita.

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Although the level of COVID-19 risk in Tasmania is now regarded as low to moderate, it is still present in all regions of the state. Therefore, Council meetings will still be guided by the Tasmanian Public Health Guidelines for COVID-19. These include:

- *Council meetings will continue to be held at the George Town Council Chambers;*
- *Councillors feeling unwell or isolating should not attend meetings;*
- *Public attendees are to register their details and confirm they do not have flu-like symptoms;*
- *If an attendee becomes unwell they will be required to leave and health advice will be sought. Physical distancing and good hygiene continue to be promoted as the strongest safeguards to prevent the spread of COVID-19.*
- *Seating is arranged to provide physical distancing of at least 1.5 metres and attendees will be requested not to move seating or tables.*
- *Attendee numbers will be limited to arranged seating, with no standing in the public gallery. In addition attendees can wear a mask if they are comfortable doing so.*

Council will be allowing a maximum of 10 persons into the Ordinary Council meeting. You must pre-register to attend this meeting of Council.

All documents presented, and recordings (audio) of this meeting are made available to the public in accordance with the above Act and Notice, and the standard applicable provisions of the Local Government Act 1993, and Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.

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Annual meetings also provide an opportunity for residents (the shareholders) to question Council's performance for the year in review.

The Annual General Meeting will be generally conducted in accordance with the procedures outlined below and the usual Council procedures for the conduct of its meetings.

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- The Chairperson's ruling is to be final.

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5. MINUTES OF 2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DECISION

Moved:

Seconded:

That the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 11th November 2021 of the George Town Council as provided to Councillors be received and confirmed as a true record of proceedings (attached).

VOTING

For:

Against:

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6. MAYOR'S MESSAGE – 2021/2022 ANNUAL REPORT

I am delighted to present the Annual Report for 2021/2022. To an extent, it was a year of tribulation and disruption; however our team again rose to the challenge delivering a high level of customer service, capital works delivery and advancing a significant portion of the Council's Annual Plan Actions. This was achieved in an environment of excellent resource constraints, perhaps making the achievement somewhat more outstanding than other years with higher results.

Some key performance indicators include achieving an operating surplus of \$182,135, and capital works delivery of 61% and a customer service request completion rate of 93%. Annual Plan Action completion rate 74%. Building and planning activity continues to remain strong, confirming that property developers and homeowners find our municipality a great place to live and invest. The reporting period resulted in excess of \$25M in new building works and the issuing of 125 planning permits.

Council continues to demonstrate sound governance and transparency by publishing quarterly performance reports that include information well in excess of legislative requirements.

Further governance improvements included updating policies for Public Question Time, Councillor Allowances, Collections, Diversity, Equitable Access and Inclusion, Community Assistance Grants and Gifts and Donations.

Throughout the year, we continued to respond to changing circumstances of COVID-19 restrictions, having had to transition to and from online and physical meetings of Council as required. Pleasingly, Council continued to advance the Annual Plan and the community's interests without the need to suspend or defer meetings. I thank my fellow elected members for their agility and the Council staff for their technical support.

Council also said farewell to Councillor Justine Brooks, who resigned in November 2021 having served as Councillor since the commencement of the current term in 2018. Cr Brooks served as the Chair of the Place Making Committee and a member of Anglicare's Communities for Children. Following a countback process administered by the Tasmania Electoral Commission, Cr Dean Gibbons was sworn back into office in December 2021. Having previously served as a councillor from 2011-2014, Cr Gibbons was warmly welcomed back by elected members and staff.

Despite the ups and downs and limitations of COVID-19, Council managed to support several well-patronised events. Always among my favourites is undertaking my ceremonial duties in welcoming and formally declaring community members from various parts of the world as Australians Citizens. Many community events strike a chord with me, including the Australia Day Pool Celebrations, Christmas Parade and the Seniors Concert, all of which are well received and are free to our community.

Our endeavours of creating a second economy through new tourism pursuits are bearing fruit. The Mt George Mountain Bike Trail network has been well received, with visitors from afar enjoying the world-class experience. Our team have also secured funding to kick start several new adventure pursuits in 2022/2023 under Wild Tamar's initiative. Watch this space.

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6. MAYOR'S MESSAGE – 2021/2022 ANNUAL REPORT (CONT.)

Further funding was secured by the team for a diverse range of initiatives, including fishing bait stations, basketball scoreboards and digital shot clocks, drainage and oval works for three sports grounds, on and offroad shared pathways and cycling lanes, an electric vehicle charging station and road safety improvements among others. Much of the works associated with some of these grants will take place in 2022/2023. All in all, another outstanding year in attracting funds to provide community infrastructure without burdening the ratepayer.

Perhaps two of the most significant advocacy efforts in recent years include the state and federal governments, each committing \$70M (totalling \$140M) to establish a hydrogen hub at Bell Bay. The hub will provide critical infrastructure to stand up new industries and support existing industries to decarbonise.

The second major advocacy success was the bipartisan commitment of \$15M towards the development of the new Aquatic, Health and Wellbeing Centre in George Town. The new centre will provide year-round swimming and aquatic activities with a heated indoor and outdoor pool. The centre will also include a 24-hour accessible gymnasium, host allied health services, an onsite café several other offerings for the community to enjoy. Preliminary works will commence in 2023.

The 2021/2022 Annual Report is the last to be presented by this current term of Council. I have been privileged and proud to serve our amazing community as Mayor and thank my fellow elected members, past and present for their support.

Greg Kieser
MAYOR

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7. GENERAL MANAGER'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the 2021/2022 Annual Report. I hope you enjoy reading some of the highlights of what was a challenging yet exciting year for our organisation and our community.

Delivering on capital works in an environment where access skilled labor and professional services is limited, materials are scarce with supply chains severely impacted by the ongoing impacts of COVID-19, compounded by unprecedented investment in commercial and domestic construction. Remarkably, Council still managed to achieve 65% of its capital works program.

Financial performance remained strong with another year of surplus at approximately \$180k and increase in recurrent revenue from \$12.1M to \$13.2M per annum. Likewise, the organisation's cash position strengthens to a five year high at approximately \$8.8M. This is a great outcome given investment in strategic assets in recent years. Recognition must given to the state and federal governments for their contributions though programs such as the Country Road and Bridges Program, Vulnerable road Users Programs, Financial Assistance Grants and Local Road and Community Infrastructure Program.

Our team had another successful year sourcing externally funded capital for community projects, attracting over \$2.9M through competitive grants, \$2.36M through State election commitments, and attracted in excess of \$10M through the State Government in partnerships such as BBAMZ and NEBHUB. None more exciting perhaps, then the bipartisan commitment of \$15M heading into the federal elections for the development of the George Town Aquatic, Health and Wellbeing Centre. It is gratifying to witness the hard work of a our team being justly rewarded. Our community is indeed well served by our talented staff.

That being said, the organisation said farewell to a number of staff members in key roles, prompting me to undertake a review of the senior level of the organisation and re-assess form and function in an effort to best position our organisation to meet the growing expectations of a growing and prosperous population. The result has seen the establishment of a three directorate structure, that I believe strikes the right balance in strategic, regulatory and operational delivery. Key areas will also benefit from an injection of new resources in engineering, works, planning, finance and governance, building capacity and redundancy.

On a closing note, I have been fortunate enough to have been reappointed as General Manager for a further five years. I am passionate about place shaping for the betterment of our community, and I am genuinely privileged to serve in this role. I thank the elected members in their ongoing faith and trust in me, and extend my thanks to the community making our municipality such as a pleasant place to live and work.

Shane Power
GENERAL MANAGER

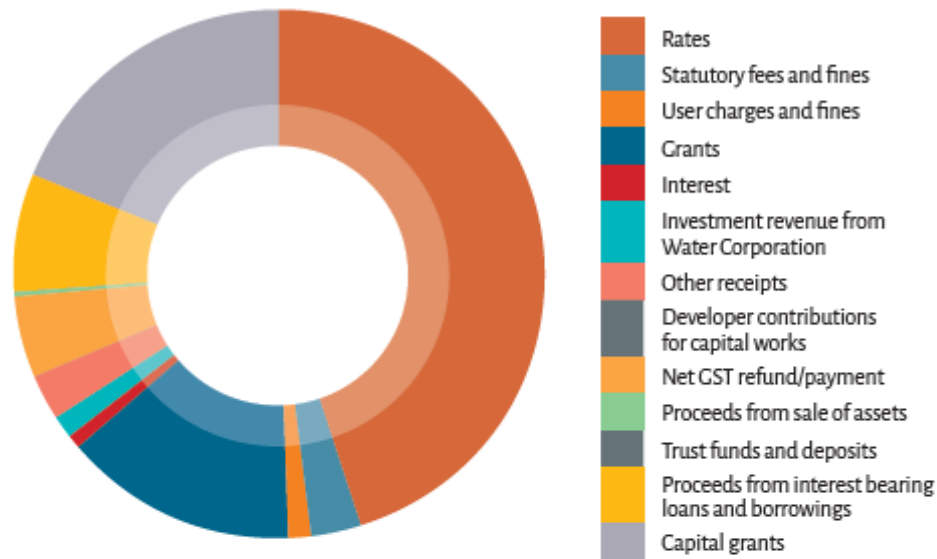
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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2021/22

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Sources of income

Cash Inflows

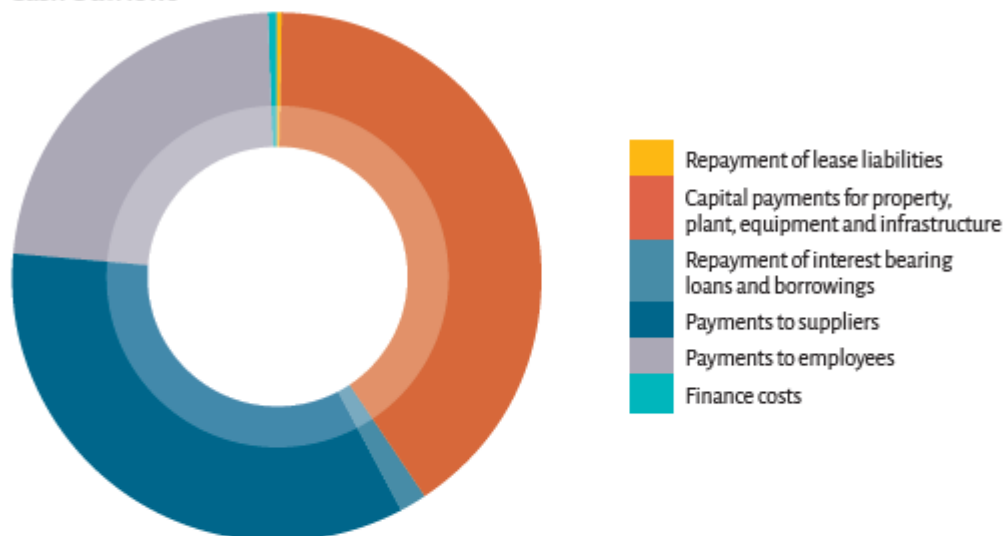


Cash Inflows	2021/2022 %	2021/2022 \$
Rates	45.57	\$ 9,315,135.00
Statutory fees and fines	2.87	\$ 586,830.00
User charges and fines	1.49	\$ 304,526.00
Grants	14.35	\$ 2,932,814.00
Interest	0.07	\$ 14,564.00
Investment revenue from Water Corporation	1.33	\$ 271,200.00
Other receipts	2.82	\$ 576,306.00
Developer contributions for capital works	0.17	\$ 33,750.00
Net GST refund/payment	4.87	\$ 995,280.00
Proceeds from sale of assets	0.28	\$ 56,227.00
Trust funds and deposits	0.19	\$ 38,444.00
Proceeds from interest bearing loans and borrowings	7.27	\$ 1,485,000.00
Capital grants	18.74	\$ 3,829,648.00
Total Cash Inflows	100.00	\$ 20,439,724.00

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8. FINANCIAL REPORT – DIRECTOR CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY (CONT.)

Cash Outflows



Cash Outflows	2021/2022 %	2021/2022 \$
Repayment of lease liabilities	0.15	\$ 28,675.00
Capital Payments for property, plant, equipment and infrastructure	40.48	\$ 7,811,219.00
Repayment of interest bearing loans and borrowings	1.77	\$ 341,560.00
Payments to suppliers	33.98	\$ 6,558,281.00
Payments to employees	23.08	\$ 4,454,746.00
Finance costs	0.53	\$ 103,112.00
Total Cash Outflows	100.00	\$ 19,297,593.00

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9. SUBMISSIONS TO THE 2021/2022 ANNUAL REPORT

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12. MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business, the meeting closed at pm.

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Greg Kieser
Mayor

Agenda Item 5 Attachment



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2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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**Shane Power
GENERAL MANAGER**

11th November, 2021

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Acknowledgement of Country

The George Town Council pays its respect to the traditional and original owners of the land in which we meet, their elders past, present and emerging and we pay respect to those that have passed before us and to acknowledge today's Tasmanian Aboriginal people who are the custodians of this land.

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In accordance with the COVID-19 Disease Emergency (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2020, Part 4, Section 18, and as given notice by the Premier of Tasmania, Peter Gutwein, under the same act and published in the Tasmanian Government Gazette No. 21 963, 3 April 2020, this meeting is being held face to face with limitation on public attendance to maintain social distancing.

Council will be allowing a maximum of 10 persons into the Annual General Meeting. You must pre-register to attend this meeting of Council.

Written submissions from electors in response to the Annual Report are to be received by 2.00 pm on Thursday 11th November 2021 and will be discussed at the Annual General Meeting.

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1. ATTENDANCE

Mayor Greg Kieser (Chair)
Deputy Mayor Tim Harris
Cr Chris Barraclough
Cr Heather Barwick
Cr Justine Brooks
Cr Greg Dawson
Cr Winston Mason
Cr Andrew Michieletto
Cr Peter Parkes
Mr Jack Reilly
Mr Anthony Barrett
Mr David Griffiths

2. APOLOGIES

Nil.

3. STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

General Manager, Mr Shane Power
Manager Corporate Services & Finance, Mrs Cheryl Hyde
Manager Development Services & Environment, Mr Rex Cassidy
Manager Liveable & Connected Communities, Ms Meagan Bennett
Manager People, Performance & Governance, Ms Kristen Desmond
Executive Support & Governance Officer, Ms Louise Dickenson

The Chair thanked Cr Justine Brooks for her contribution to Council and Committees over the years.

4. MEETING PROCEDURES

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171/21 5. MINUTES OF 2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DECISION

Moved: Cr Michieletto
Seconded: Cr Mason

That the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 12th November 2020 of the George Town Council as provided to Councillors be received and confirmed as a true record of proceedings (attached).

VOTING

For: Cr Kieser, Cr Harris, Cr Barraclough, Cr Brooks, Cr Barwick, Cr Mason,
 Cr Parkes, Cr Michieletto, Mr Griffith, Mr Barrett, Mr Reilly

Against: Cr Dawson

Cr Dawson abstained from voting.

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6. MAYOR'S MESSAGE – 2020/2021 ANNUAL REPORT

I am pleased to present the 2020/2021 Annual Report, representing the first year's progress toward achieving the Community Strategic Plan 2020-2030.

Much has been achieved despite the challenges of COVID-19. I'm particularly proud of the role in which Council has played in assisting business and community in recovering from the economic and social impacts of the pandemic. Council facilitated a Community Care and Recovery Grants Program that provided financial support to community groups, clubs and associations to assist with meeting new public health requirements like sanitisation and social distancing; and event activities that would help with resocialisation. A significant allocation was made to local businesses in partnership with Bell Bay Aluminium, to invest in capital, IT and marketing to stimulate business activity.

I'm so excited that our major projects in the Mountain Bike Trail Network and Regent Square Re-development commenced. These projects will provide a number of free activities for our community to enjoy and will also attract visitors from across Tasmania and beyond who will invest their dollars in our local businesses.

It was also pleasing that the community could enjoy many events notwithstanding COVID-19 restrictions. We enjoyed the second New Year's Eve Extravaganza (the Australia Day Event of the Year Award Winners) co-ordinated by George Town Neighbourhood House and hosted by The Crazy Duck. A great display of fireworks and range of activities for kids and adults including live entertainment. It made for a great night. Australia Day celebrations at the pool were well attended, as was the seniors' concert, with both events provided free from charge to all the patrons.

I thoroughly enjoy the vast community events that are held throughout the municipality, as I do presenting to community groups including the George Town Ladies Centre, Probus

and the various Progress Associations. The Roadshow presentations continue to prove to be a successful and well received form of consultation by all our townships and villages.

Council resolved to undertake the development of a Reconciliation Action Plan, demonstrating Council's commitment to acknowledging our dark history, but also celebrating the culture of the longest surviving culture on earth. We have a long way to go, however we are committed to building on recent endeavours such as our inaugural flag raising event for NAIDOC week, continued support of Mannalargenna Day and development of public spaces that celebrate Aboriginal culture. I am especially proud to be a member of the George Town Reconciliation Action Working Group.

It is always pleasing to achieve surplus beyond budget estimates but is nothing short of exceptional when considering the forecast budget had estimated \$500k deficit as a result of COVID-19 implications. Our approximate \$250k surplus represents a net \$750k favourable result from our forecast budget.

I commend the forever diligent work of our staff who placed Council in an enviable financial position. This allows Council to flex outside its usual core business and invest in assets and operations for the betterment of its community. No greater example of this is the acquisition and management of the Bass and Flinders Maritime Museum. Not only has Council been able to preserve the historic maritime assets and secure the museum for the enjoyment of generations to come but has expanded its operations to accommodate lengthened tourism seasons, weekends, provide for school excursions, and an events calendar in the future.

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6. MAYOR’S MESSAGE – 2020/2021 ANNUAL REPORT (CONT.)

Having reflected on another year of advancement for our community, I’m very much looking forward to the 2021/2022 year. A year in which we have once again set an ambitious program of works and initiatives. One such concept we are looking to pursue is Wild Tamar. Council will be looking to kick start adventure-based tourism activities to compliment the mountain bike trails and our existing tourism offerings. Watch this space!

Meanwhile I commend the 2020/2021 Annual Report to you and trust you find it both an interesting read, one of much substance and achievement for our community.

Greg Kieser
MAYOR

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7. GENERAL MANAGER'S MESSAGE

On behalf of the organisation, I am pleased to present the Annual Report for 2020/2021. The report details the performance of the organisation over the past twelve months.

With the challenges COVID-19 has presented particularly with limitations on revenue, I'm proud of the achievements the organisation has been able to deliver in trying circumstances. In particular, the end of year financial results is most pleasing. With a freeze on rates, fees and charges, forecast reduction in dividends from TasWater (in which Council is a shareholder) and a number of other austerity measures, the 2020/2021 budget was forecast to deliver a \$500k deficit. Through prudent budgetary management, we were able to deliver a \$250k surplus. This is the third consecutive year a surplus has been achieved and none greater giving consideration of the dire forecast at the start of the year.

Once again, a surplus has not come at the expense of performance and service delivery. For the second consecutive year, our team has achieved just shy of 100% customer response rates. Across the organisation, we delivered 86% of Annual Plan actions and processed a significant increase in planning and building permits within compliance timeframes. The infrastructure team delivered over 75% of the capital works program which is impressive given current market conditions, shortage in contractor labour and material supply.

Council continues to succeed in its advocacy efforts whether it be attracting funds or representing community interests in legislative reform. Efforts include meeting with various ministers in Canberra, the Federal Member for Bass Bridget Archer and various state ministers, advocating for investment in various projects and programs for the enhancement of the quality of life for our community.

I also continue to represent Council on various boards including LGPRO, Bell Bay Advanced Manufacturing Zone, Northern Waste Management Group and the Future Impact Leadership Table. The collective efforts of elected members, officers and these groups has resulted in many positive outcomes for our community and has secured in excess of \$2 million dollars in unplanned grants for Council in 2020/2021 year alone.

Like most Councils throughout Australia we are dependent on the ongoing financial assistance provided by the Federal Government through its Financial Assistance Grants Scheme, Roads to Recovery, Country Roads and Bridges and Black Spot funding programs among others. Likewise, we are very appreciative of the financial support provided by the State Government through various grants programs.

Without doubt we have been fortunate to have freedom of movement. We have been able to enjoy programs and events that our mainlanders could not. Examples of these include the Healthy George Town program which continues to be well received by the community with vast increases in programs and participants. This is detailed further in the ensuing report. Events throughout the year have been all well attended and enjoyed by young and old, families and visitors. One of my personal favourites was the Christmas Parade and I'm told there was a familiar face on the sleigh.

In closing, I am proud of the efforts of the team over the past twelve months from right across our diverse organisation. I trust you enjoy reading some of the highlights within.

Shane Power
GENERAL MANAGER

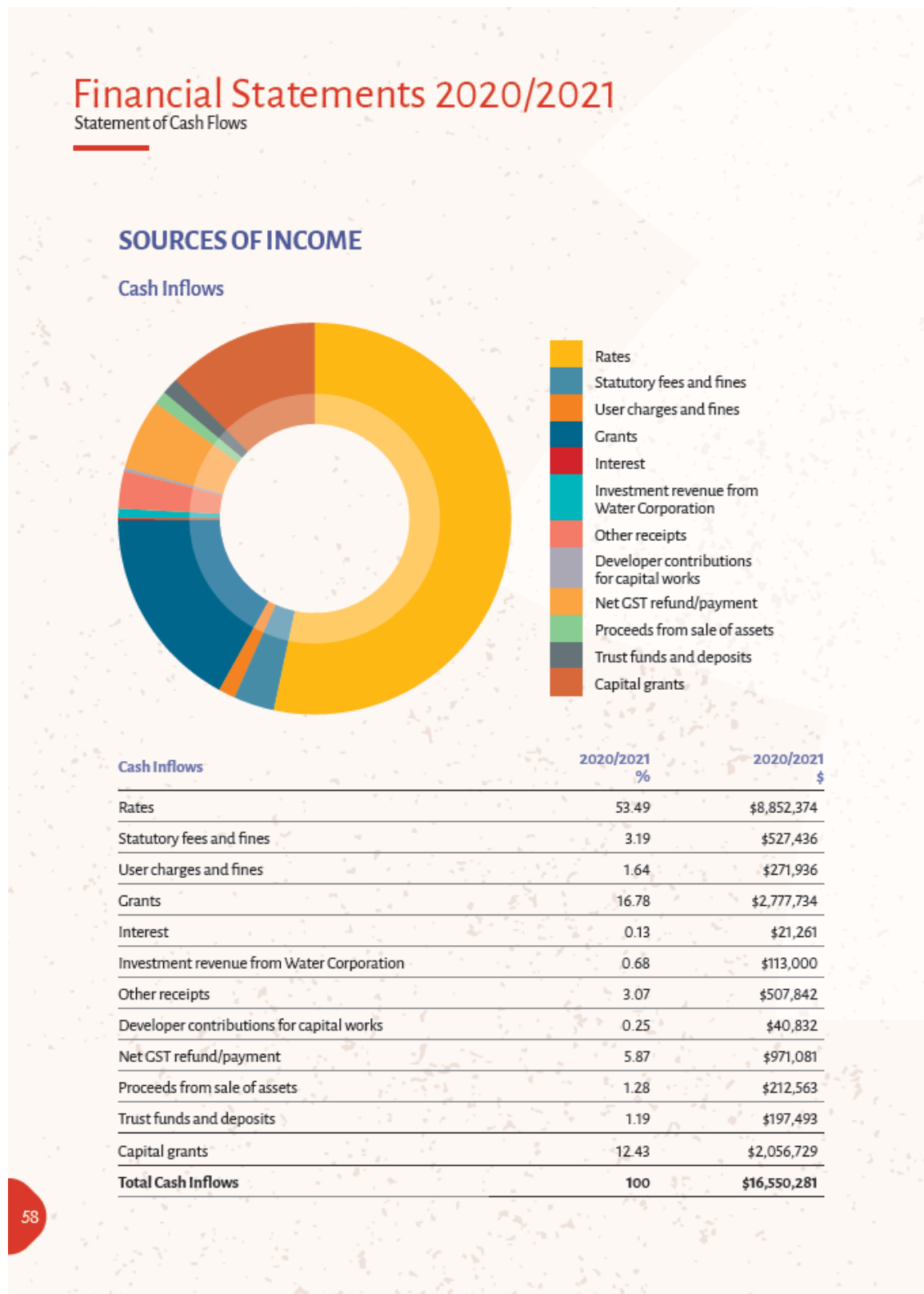
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Through the Chair the General Manager thanked Cr Brooks for her contribution to Council as an Officer, General Manager and Councillor and wished her well on her future endeavours.

The General Manager also thanked Anthony Barrett (Wally) for his service to Council. Wally has been with Council for nearly 30 years.

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8. FINANCIAL REPORT – MANAGER CORPORATE AND FINANCE

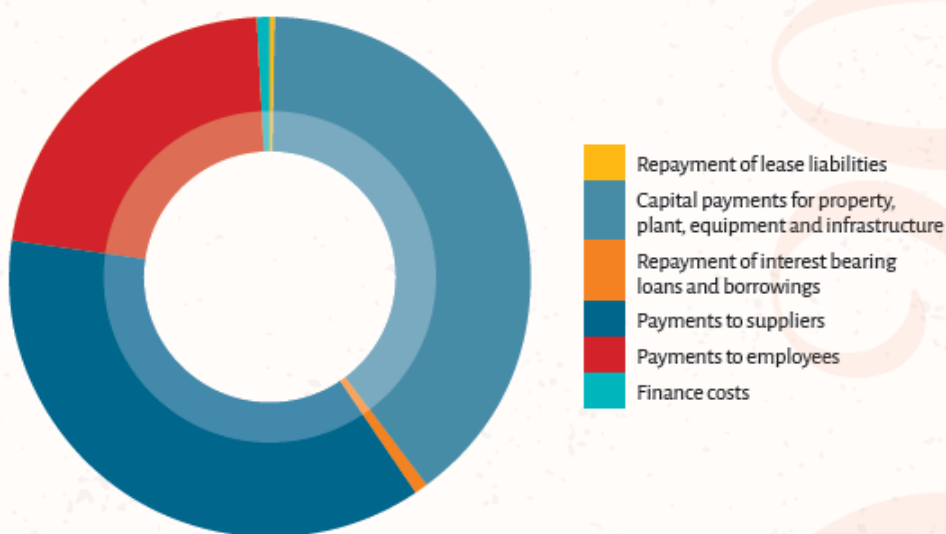


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8. FINANCIAL REPORT – MANAGER CORPORATE AND FINANCE (CONT.)

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Cash Outflows



Cash Outflows	2020/21 %	2020/21 \$
Repayment of lease liabilities	0.34	\$59,191
Capital Payments for property, plant, equipment and infrastructure	39.60	\$6,803,459
Repayment of interest bearing loans and borrowings	0.88	\$151,343
Payments to suppliers	36.51	\$6,271,573
Payments to employees	22.07	\$3,791,630
Finance costs	0.60	\$102,819
Total Cash Outflows	100.00	\$17,180,015

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9. SUBMISSIONS TO THE 2020/2021 ANNUAL REPORT

Nil.

10. QUESTIONS TO THE 2020/2021 ANNUAL REPORT

Nil.

11. MOTIONS ON THE 2020/2021 ANNUAL REPORT

Nil.

12. MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 6.16 pm.

The Chair thanked all for attending the AGM.

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Greg Kieser
Mayor