

Performance Statement

Description of municipality

Swan Hill Rural City Council covers 6,116 square kilometres and is home to just under 21,000 people. It includes the townships of Swan Hill, Robinvale, Lake Boga, Nyah, Nyah West, Piangil, Woorinen, Ultima, Manangatang, Boundary Bend and Tresco.

The Swan Hill Rural City economy is driven by agriculture and manufacturing. Almost 16% of the total economic output from the region comes from agricultural production with traditional livestock and broad acre farming accounting for almost 4%. Irrigated farming (including stone fruit, grapes, nuts, olives and vegetable production) accounts for over 11% of the total economic output for the municipality and more than 18% of all jobs in the city are directly related to agriculture. Additionally food manufacturing (processing) accounts for almost 10% of the municipality's economic output.

Located along the Murray River, tourism plays an important role in our region's economy. Our climate and natural beauty attracts around 388,000 domestic visitors each year.

Sustainable Capacity Indicators

Service/indicator/measure	Results	
	2015	Material variations
Own-source revenue <i>Own-source revenue per head of municipal population</i> [Own-source revenue/Municipal population]	\$1,579.15	No material variations
Recurrent grants <i>Recurrent grants per head of population</i> [Recurrent grants/Municipal population]	\$878.72	No material variations
Population <i>Expenses per head of population</i> [Total expenses/Municipal population]	\$2,348.88	No material variations
<i>Infrastructure per head of municipal population</i> [Value of infrastructure/Municipal population]	\$20,199.71	No material variations
<i>Population density per length of road</i> [Municipal population/Kilometres of local roads]	5.89	No material variations
Disadvantage <i>Relative socio-economic disadvantage</i> [Index of Relative Socio-economic disadvantage by decile]	2.00	No material variations

Definitions

“adjusted underlying revenue” means total income other than —

- (a) non-recurrent grants used to fund capital expenditure; and
- (b) non-monetary asset contributions; and
- (c) contributions to fund capital expenditure from sources other than those referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b)

“infrastructure” means non-current property, plant and equipment excluding land

“local road” means a sealed or unsealed road for which Council is the responsible road authority under the Road Management Act 2004

“population” means the resident population estimated by Council

“own-source revenue” means adjusted underlying revenue other than revenue that is not under the control of council (including government grants)

“relative socio-economic disadvantage”, in relation to a municipality, means the relative socio-economic disadvantage, expressed as a decile for the relevant financial year, of the area in which the municipality is located according to the Index of Relative Socio-Economic Disadvantage (Catalogue Number 2033.0.55.001) of SEIFA

“SEIFA” means the Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas published from time to time by the Australian Bureau of Statistics on its Internet website

Service Performance Indicators

Service/indicator/measure	Results	
	2015	Material variations
Governance Satisfaction <i>Satisfaction with Council decisions</i> [Community satisfaction rating out of 100 with the performance of Council in making decisions in the interest of the community]	51	No material variations
Statutory Planning Decision making <i>Council's planning decisions upheld at VCAT</i> [Number of VCAT decisions that did not set aside Council's decision in relation to a planning application / Number of VCAT decisions in relation to planning applications] x 100	100%	No material variations
Roads Satisfaction <i>Satisfaction with sealed local roads</i> [Community satisfaction rating out of 100 with how Council has performed on the condition of sealed local roads]	52	No material variations
Libraries Participation <i>Active library members</i> [Number of active library members / Municipal population] x 100	22.54%	No material variations
Waste collection Waste diversion <i>Kerbside collection waste diverted from landfill</i> [Weight of recyclables and green organics collected from kerbside bins / Weight of garbage, recyclables and green organics collected from kerbside bins] x 100	34.44%	No material variations

Service/indicator/measure	Results	
	2015	Material variations
Aquatic Facilities Utilisation <i>Utilisation of aquatic facilities</i> [Number of visits to aquatic facilities / Municipal population]	3.9	No material variations
Animal management Health and safety <i>Animal management prosecutions</i> [Number of successful animal management prosecutions]	0	No material variations
Food and safety Health and safety <i>Critical and major non-compliance outcome notifications</i> [Number of critical non-compliance notifications and major non-compliance notifications about a food premises followed up / Number of critical non-compliance notifications and major non-compliance notifications about food premises]	86.11%	No material variations
Home and Community Care Participation <i>Participation in the HACC service</i> [Number of people that received a HACC service / Municipal target population for HACC services] x 100 <i>Participation in the HACC service by CALD people</i> [Number of CALD people that received a HACC service / Municipal target population in relation to CALD people for HACC services] x 100	38.18% 18.56%	No material variations

Service/indicator/measure	Results	
	2015	Material variations
Maternal and Child Health		
Participation		
<i>Participation in the MCH service</i> [Number of children who attend the MCH service at least once (in the year) / Number of children enrolled in the MCH service] x 100	72.27%	No material variations
<i>Participation in the MCH service by Aboriginal children</i> [Number of Aboriginal children who attend the MCH service at least once (in the year) / Number of Aboriginal children enrolled in the MCH service] x 100	66.77%	No material variations

Definitions

“Aboriginal child” means a child who is an Aboriginal person

“Aboriginal person” has the same meaning as in the Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006

“active library member” means a member of a library who has borrowed a book from the library

“annual report” means an annual report prepared by a Council under sections 131, 132 and 133 of the Act

“class 1 food premises” means food premises, within the meaning of the Food Act 1984, that have been declared as class 1 food premises under section 19C of that Act

“class 2 food premises” means food premises, within the meaning of the Food Act 1984, that have been declared as class 2 food premises under section 19C of that Act

“Community Care Common Standards” means the Community Care Common Standards for the delivery of HACC services, published from time to time by the Commonwealth

“critical non-compliance outcome notification” means a notification received by council under section 19N(3) or (4) of the Food Act 1984, or advice given to council by an authorized officer under that Act, of a deficiency that poses an immediate serious threat to public health

“food premises” has the same meaning as in the Food Act 1984

“HACC program” means the Home and Community Care program established under the Agreement entered into for the purpose of the Home and Community Care Act 1985 of the Commonwealth

“HACC service” means home help, personal care or community respite provided under the HACC program

“local road” means a sealed or unsealed road for which Council is the responsible road authority under the Road Management Act 2004

“major non-compliance outcome notification” means a notification received by a council under section 19N(3) or (4) of the Food Act 1984, or advice given to council by an authorized officer under that Act, of a deficiency that does not pose an immediate serious threat to public health but may do so if no remedial action is taken

“MCH” means the Maternal and Child Health Service provided by a council to support the health and development of children within the municipality from birth until school age

“population” means the resident population estimated by council

“target population” has the same meaning as in the Agreement entered into for the purposes of the Home and Community Care Act 1985 of the Commonwealth

“WorkSafe reportable aquatic facility safety incident” means an incident relating to a council aquatic facility that is required to be notified to the Victorian WorkCover Authority under Part 5 of the Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004.

Financial Performance Indicators

Dimension/indicator/measure	Results					Forecasts				
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Material variations				
Operating position										
Adjusted underlying result										
Adjusted underlying surplus (or deficit) [Adjusted underlying surplus (deficit) / Adjusted underlying revenue] x100	6.50%	3.36%	5.27%	3.35%	3.6%	No material variations				
Liquidity										
Working capital										
Current assets compared to current liabilities [Current assets / Current liabilities] x100	228.92%	163.85%	199.58%	225.49%	249.01%	No material variations				
Unrestricted cash										
Unrestricted cash compared to current liabilities [Unrestricted cash / Current liabilities] x100	199.99%	135.82%	157.05%	178.98%	201.81%	No material variations				
Obligations										
Loans and borrowings										
Loans and borrowings compared to rates [Interest bearing loans and borrowings / Rate revenue] x100	35.82%	33.50%	30.75%	28.49%	27.57%	No material variations				
Loans and borrowings repayments compared to rates [Interest and principal repayments on interest bearing loans and borrowings / Rate revenue] x100	5.53%	4.92%	5.20%	4.62%	3.07%	No material variations				

Dimension/indicator/measure	Forecasts					Material variations
	Results	2015	2016	2017	2018	
Indebtedness Non-current liabilities compared to own source revenue [Non-current liabilities / Own source revenue] x100	29.34%	26.55%	23.74%	23.40%	23.32%	The ongoing repayment and reduced levels of borrowings over the forecast period will see the gradual reduction in our interest bearing liabilities.
Asset renewal Asset renewal compared to depreciation [Asset renewal expenses / Asset depreciation] x100	88.88%	103.83%	79.66%	100.16%	111.15%	While Council aims to allocate renewal works in line with depreciation, in some years these funds are allocated to projects for new or upgraded assets.
Stability						
Rates concentration Rates compared to adjusted underlying revenue [Rate revenue / Adjusted underlying revenue] x100	46.11%	48.82%	49.45%	49.99%	50.94%	No material variations
Rates effort Rates compared to property values [Rate revenue / Capital improved value of rateable properties in the municipality] x100	0.72%	0.74%	0.74%	0.74%	0.74%	No material variations
Efficiency						
Expenditure level Expenses per property assessment [Total expenses / Number of property assessments]	\$4,078.64	\$4,119.54	\$4,082.10	\$4,227.14	\$4,264.55	No material variations

Dimension/indicator/measure	Results	Forecasts				Material variations
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	
Revenue level <i>Average residential rate per residential property assessment</i> [Residential rate revenue / Number of residential property assessments]	\$1,543.64	\$1,571.41	\$1,612.71	\$1,655.15	\$1,698.75	Rates for the forecast period are to increase by CPI.
Workforce turnover <i>Resignations and terminations compared to average staff</i> [Number of permanent staff resignations and terminations / Average number of permanent staff for the financial year] x100	13.38%	15.50%	15.59%	15.78%	15.87%	The increase in turnover is the expected retirement of a number of staff in the forecast years.

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- non-monetary asset contributions; and
- contributions to fund capital expenditure from sources other than those referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b)

"adjusted underlying surplus (or deficit)" means adjusted underlying revenue less total expenditure

"asset renewal expenditure" means expenditure on an existing asset or on replacing an existing asset that returns the service capability of the asset to its original capability

"current assets" has the same meaning as in the AAS

"current liabilities" has the same meaning as in the AAS

"non-current assets" means all assets other than current assets

"non-current liabilities" means all liabilities other than current liabilities

"non-recurrent grant" means a grant obtained on the condition that it be

expended in a specified manner and is not expected to be received again during the period covered by a council's Strategic Resource Plan

"own-source revenue" means adjusted underlying revenue other than revenue that is not under the control of council (including government grants

"population" means the resident population estimated by Council

"rate revenue" means revenue from general rates, municipal charges, service rates and service charges

"recurrent grant" means a grant other than a non-recurrent grant

"residential rates" means revenue from general rates, municipal charges, service rates and service charges levied on residential properties

"restricted cash" means cash and cash equivalents, within the meaning of the AAS, that are not available for use other than for a purpose for which it is restricted, and includes cash to be used to fund capital works expenditure from the previous financial year

"unrestricted cash" means all cash and cash equivalents other than restricted cash.

Other information

1. Basis of preparation

Council is required to prepare and include a performance statement within its annual report. The performance statement includes the results of the prescribed sustainable capacity, service performance and financial performance indicators and measures together with a description of the municipal district and an explanation of material variations in the results. This statement has been prepared to meet the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1989* and Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014.

Where applicable the results in the performance statement have been prepared on accounting bases consistent with those reported in the Financial Statements. The other results are based on information drawn from Council information systems or from third parties (e.g. Australian Bureau of Statistics).

The performance statement presents the actual results for the current year and for the prescribed financial performance indicators and measures, the results forecast by Council's strategic resource plan. The Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014 requires explanation of any material variations in the results contained in the performance statement. Council has adopted materiality thresholds relevant to each indicator and measure and explanations have not been provided for variations below the materiality thresholds unless the variance is considered to be material because of its nature.

The forecast figures included in the performance statement are those adopted by Council in its strategic resource plan on 23 June 2015 and which forms part of the Council Plan. The strategic resource plan includes estimates based on key assumptions about the future that were relevant at the time of adoption and aimed at achieving sustainability over the long term. Detailed information on the actual financial results is contained in the General Purpose Financial Statements. The strategic resource plan can be obtained by contacting Council.

Certification of the performance statement

In my opinion, the accompanying performance statement has been prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1989* and the Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014.

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(Principal Accounting Officer Name and Qualifications (if any))

Principal Accounting Officer

Dated:

In our opinion, the accompanying performance statement of the (*council name*) for the year ended 30 June 2015 presents fairly the results of council's performance in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1989* and the Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014.

The performance statement contains the relevant performance indicators, measures and results in relation to service performance, financial performance and sustainable capacity.

At the date of signing, we are not aware of any circumstances that would render any particulars in the performance statement to be misleading or inaccurate.

We have been authorised by the council and by the Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014 to certify this performance statement in its final form.

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(Councillor 1 Name)

Councillor

Dated:

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(Councillor 2 Name)

Councillor

Dated:

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(Chief Executive Officer Name)

Chief Executive Officer

Dated: