

13 REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

13.1 2022-23 Annual Report

CSP Objective: Outcome 5.2: Governance is transparent and builds trust

CSP Strategy: 5.2.3 Engage with the community in meaningful dialogue and demonstrate how community participation is being used to inform decisions

Delivery Program: 5.2.3.1 Implement the Community Engagement Strategy.

Summary

This report presents the 2022-2023 Annual Report which has been prepared in accordance with section 428 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Financial implication

As per adopted budget.

Risk implication

The information in this report illustrates that Council is meeting the requirements of the Community Strategic Plan and that we are complying with the Local Government Act.

Due to delays in auditing the previous years' financial statements, the current 2022-23 financial statements are not available. An extension of time has been granted by Office of Local Government to finalise the financial statements and enable the audit to be completed. The audited financial statement will be provided to Council when available in line with the timeframe that has been previously reported to Council.

Policy

Local Government Act 1993

Consultation (internal)

All departments were consulted in the development of this report.

Communication/Community engagement

The Annual Report informs the community on Council's achievements in implementing its Delivery Program and Operational Plan.

Attachments

Nil

Enclosures

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RECOMMENDATION

That Council

1. Endorse the 2022-23 Annual Report.
2. Notes that the financial statements of 2022-23 are still being completed and therefore the audited financial information will be provided to Council by separate report when available.

Background

Section 428 of the *Local Government Act 1993* requires all councils to prepare a report on its achievements in implementing its Delivery Program, which must be posted on the Council website and provided to the Minister by the end of November each year.

The audit of Council's financial statements for 2022-23 is still being completed and an extension has been granted by the Office of Local Government to finalise the audit by 30 April 2024. Therefore, this audited financial information will be provided to Council by separate report at a later date.

This report outlines the actions taken to deliver under our Community Strategic Plan 2022-32 and Operation Plan and Delivery Program actions for 2022-26.

Annual Report

The Annual Report is an important means of communication between Council and the Community, providing information on progress made towards achieving the objectives and strategies contained in the Community Strategic Plan and the combined Delivery and Operational Program.

This year's Annual Report incorporates the following:

- Blue Haven Annual Report
- Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) Annual Report

The report also includes other information which is prescribed by legislation, including:

- amount of rates and charges written-off during the year
- details of any overseas visits by Councillors, Council staff or other persons representing Council
- Mayoral and Councillor expenses and cost of provision of facilities in relation to their civic duties
- details of all Government contracts over \$150,000
- summary of amounts incurred in relation to legal proceedings
- total amount granted to financially assist others (community groups, grants, etc.)
- information relating to external bodies, corporations, partnerships and joint ventures entered into
- information relating to Council's Equal Employment Opportunities management plan and other human resources activities

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- statement detailing the steps taken to ensure that goods and services procured by and for council during the year were not a product of the modern slavery withing the meaning of the *Modern Slavery Act 2018*
 - Statement of total number of persons who performed paid work on 23 November 2022
 - senior staff remuneration
 - information relating to rates and charges, access and equity, the National Competition Policy and Competitive Neutrality
 - statement of stormwater management services provided through levies.
 - management of the Companion Animals Act
 - Government Information (Public Access) Act
 - Public Interest Disclosure Act.

The following information has not been included in the report, or has been previously reported, or is noted in the report as not applicable to Council's activities undertaken in 2022-23:

- There were no environmental upgrade agreements entered into by the council.
- There were no activities funded via a special rate variation
- There were no resolutions made, or work carried out, on private land
- There were no coastal protection services levied
- Council is not considered to be a 'human services agency' under the Carers Recognition Act 2010
- There were no planning agreements in force during the year
- Council has not been identified in a plan as responsible for the implementation of measures contained in any recovery and threat abatement plans.