

COVID-19 Pandemic - Attachment to the 2020/21 Operational Plan and Budget

Below table provides possible impacts of COVID-19 pandemic on various Council activities. Mostly, it is expected to impact revenue items as most of the operational expenditures comprise of fixed costs. No change in capital expenditures budget is envisaged due to COVID-19 pandemic:

Description	Impact Details	Revenue Budget 2020/21	Recurrent Expenditure Budget 2020/21	Comments
Rates Revenue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Possible hardship faced by Community members and Businesses - Zero interest rate for first half of 2020/21 as per OLG Circular dated 26 May 2020 	8,390,359	-	<p>No change suggested at this stage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hardship applications will be dealt with as per Council policy - the budget affect is expected to be below \$24,000. - The zero interest rate in first half is expected to be offset by increase in rates debtors overall.
Interest Revenue	Lower interest rates and return on investments	280,000	-	No change suggested at this stage. Budget amount is lower than 2019/20 original budget of \$339,000. This will be further reviewed during the year and expected changes will be incorporated through quarterly reviews.
Plant and Equipment	Delays in disposal of vehicles	6,286,000	2,457,272	As restrictions are being removed, it is envisaged that vehicles will be sold in 2020/21 as planned. Unexpected delays may cause some manageable loss in value.
Property and Risk	Rental income and rent fees	746,391	1,439,392	Budget mainly includes internal income allocation. Rental income mainly received from staff housing. Rental income and fees is budgeted at \$83,000 out of which \$45,000 relates to Council staff. No change suggested at this stage:
Public Halls	Rental income	47,000	235,712	\$35,000 budgeted for rental income and \$12,000 relates to internal income allocation. Due to easing up of restriction, it is envisaged that impact will be minimal.

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Building Control	Possible impacts on development works	62,347	187,023	Expected government grants for development works to community is envisaged to offset the negative impact on construction industry.
Tourism and Development Services	Possible impacts on tourism	79,470	513,899	As restrictions are easing up, it is envisaged that tourism related activities will grow gradually. No change suggested at this stage. Operational cost relating to advertising, publications, etc. may go down.
Warrumbungle Water	Rates and user charges - Zero interest rate for first half of 2020/21 as per OLG Circular dated 26 May 2020	5,157,019	2,557,563	Interest rate on debt on hold to be dealt with as per hardship policy. Loss of interest on debt expected low and to be manageable.
Warrumbungle Sewer	Rates and user charges - Zero interest rate for first half of 2020/21 as per OLG Circular dated 26 May 2020	4,012,600	1,287,765	Interest rate on debt on hold to be dealt with as per hardship policy. Loss of interest on debt expected low and to be manageable.
Warrumbungle Waste	Annual and waste management charge - Zero interest rate for first half of 2020/21 as per OLG Circular dated 26 May 2020	2,731,085	2,533,044	Interest rate on debt on hold to be dealt with as per hardship policy. Loss of interest on debt expected low and to be manageable.