

BUDGET REVIEW REPORT

Shire of Kent 29 February 2024

An increase in available cash of **\$48,564** is recognized as a difference between budget opening balance and 2023 closing balance. The following provides an additional summary of material variances with budget amendment. Included in the budget review, but not individually listed below, are various wages, public works overheads, plant operating and depreciation costs, insurance adjustments.

General Purpose Funding	Revenue <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Interest rate increase and Muni account funds not expended resulting in more interest to be received \$85,124• Reduction in FAG Grants (untied) \$48,000. Early payment of funding in June 2023.• Reduction in FAG Grants (General Purpose) \$17,500. Early payment of funding in June 2023.
Governance	Expense <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reduction in Elected Member Sitting Fees – Council numbers decreased from 8 to 6.
Law, Order and Public Safety	Expense <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bushfire protective clothing – Due to leftover stock levels due to uncollected uniforms in 2022/2023, an expense reduction of \$78,268.
Housing	Expense <p>Following building inspections in December 2023, various scheduled maintenance and capital activities were pushed back to align with building requirements/needs vs scheduled improvements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2/15 Hobley Street – Replace floorcoverings \$2500. Scheduled maintenance is not required, original sum budgeted to be transferred to Land and Building Reserve.• 12 Reid Street – Replace floorcoverings \$8000. Scheduled maintenance is postponed to consider future of this asset and original sum budgeted to be transferred to Land and Building Reserve.• 10 Reid Street – Replace floorcoverings \$7000. Scheduled maintenance is postponed to consider future of this asset and original sum budgeted to be transferred to Land and Building Reserve.• 8 Reid Street – Replace window treatments \$3000. Scheduled maintenance is postponed to consider future of this asset and original sum budgeted to be transferred to Land and Building Reserve.• 3/3 Gaby Street – Internal painting \$4500, bathroom refurbishment \$12,000 and vinyl strip and seal \$2000. Scheduled maintenance is not required, original sum budgeted to be transferred to Land and Building Reserve.• 5A Coates Close - Replace floorcoverings \$8000. Scheduled maintenance is not required, original sum budgeted to be transferred to Land and Building Reserve.

Community Amenities	<p><u>Revenue</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nyabing Hall - Replace window treatments \$8000. Scheduled maintenance is not required, original sum budgeted to be transferred to Land and Building Reserve. Nyabing Depot – Replace floor coverings \$12,000. Scheduled maintenance is not required, original sum budgeted to be transferred to Land and Building Reserve. Acoustics upgrade in the Pingrup Hall was over budgeted with \$9874 remaining for project. Transfer left over budget to the purchase of table and chairs for Pingrup Hall.
Economic Services	<p><u>Expenses</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pingrup CRC commissions for park bookings \$9500
Other Property & Services	<p><u>Expenses</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase in workers compensation insurance \$14,000

CAPITAL – Plant Replacement Program

Several changes have been made throughout the plant replacement program due to a change in requirements. Points to note are as follows:

<u>Removal of the following:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trailer and Rotary Hoe \$65,000 – Current equipment was repaired and no longer required.
<u>Addition of the following:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Purchase of new vehicle – 40KT Increase by \$21,000. Original budget was for a small SUV, but Toyota Prado to be considered in substitution. Replace front deck with ground mount on mower \$25,000

CAPITAL – Road Program

All roads program to remain as budgeted. Only unbudgeted expense to be considered for assistance in gravel carting.

North Needilup Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contract expenses increase to \$20,000 for assistance with gravel carting.
Rasmussen Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contract expenses increase to \$20,000 for assistance with gravel carting.

CAPITAL – Other

<p>Land & Buildings</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26 Aspendale Street – Air-conditioning replacement \$10,000. Replacement is not required, original sum budgeted to be transferred to Land and Building Reserve. • 2B Coates Close – Bathroom refurbishment \$14,000. Replacement is not required, original sum budgeted to be transferred to Land and Building Reserve. • 2A George Street – Bathroom refurbishment \$10,000. Replacement is not required, original sum budgeted to be transferred to Land and Building Reserve. • 1/5 Gaby Street - Air-conditioning replacement \$10,000. Replacement is not required, original sum budgeted to be transferred to Land and Building Reserve. • 29 Aspendale Street • Pingrup Potters – Ceiling replacement \$18,000. Replacement is not required, original sum budgeted to be transferred to Land and Building Reserve. • Employee and Community Housing - Centralised key system \$28,000. Replacement to be reconsidered in 2024-2025, original sum budgeted to be transferred to Land and Building Reserve. • Acoustics upgrade in the Pingrup Hall was over budgeted with \$9874 remaining for project.
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<p>Infrastructure Other</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pingrup Cemetery – Gazebo and Seating \$3851. Additional funds required for project. • Pingrup Cemetery – Fence \$10,000. No longer required and tree barrier will be used to block the view of the Pingrup Refuse Site. • Pingrup Caravan Park Upgrade LRCIP Program funding \$39,000. Kitchen paid in June instead of July. Additional costs of the installation of a water tank and pump to improve water pressure at the park. • Unbudgeted expense at Pingrup Silo Trail Bridge approved at OCM2324-039 at a budget adjustment of \$21,370. • Unbudgeted expense for the purchase of the Nyabing Community Church at OCM2324-084 at a budget adjustment of \$10,000.
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RESERVE TRANSFERS

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$179,000 transferred to Land and Building Reserve for delayed housing, and community infrastructure projects.
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