

2025/26 Budget Summary

Total Budget \$ 48.23 million

This year's budget totals \$ 48.23 million which is funded from a mix of rating and non-rating revenue and other funding sources.

Budget 2025-26	Amount
Total operating expenses (excluding depreciation)	\$ 30,202,821
Total capital expenditure	\$ 17,806,000
Loan repayments	\$ 221,539
Total Budget 2025-26	\$ 48,230,360

Council actively pursues state and federal government funding opportunities to assist in funding projects for our communities. Capital grants and subsidies included in the budget amounts to \$12.1 million.

Total amount of \$17.8 million capital projects is planned to be delivered in 2025/26, of which Council will fund \$5.1 million and \$109,000 proceeds from plant disposal.

Of the total capital projects, 16% is to build new assets, 47% is committed to the renewal of existing assets and 37% for upgrade.

Key projects in relation to capital works include:

Charleville Sewerage Treatment Plant Upgrade	4,709,847.30
Alfred Street Renewal	1,500,000.00
Augathella CED Scheme	1,051,348.32
Water renewals	1,000,000.00
Rural Road Reseal - Biddenhan & Mount Tabor	640,126.00
Charleville Airport Reseal	600,000.00
Construct amenities Multi -sport Charleville	551,533.87
Resheeting & Reseals - Rural	437,843.00
Resheeting & Reseals - Urban	437,842.00
Charleville Racecourse Jockey Room	360,000.00
Augathella CED Scheme Design	334,282.28
Aurora Estate Stage 2	336,077.91
Town Street Rehabilitation Program	300,000.00
Council Facility Infrastructure Program	300,000.00

Council will repay \$221,539 to its existing loans and is not intending to borrow in the new financial year.

Budget Net Result:

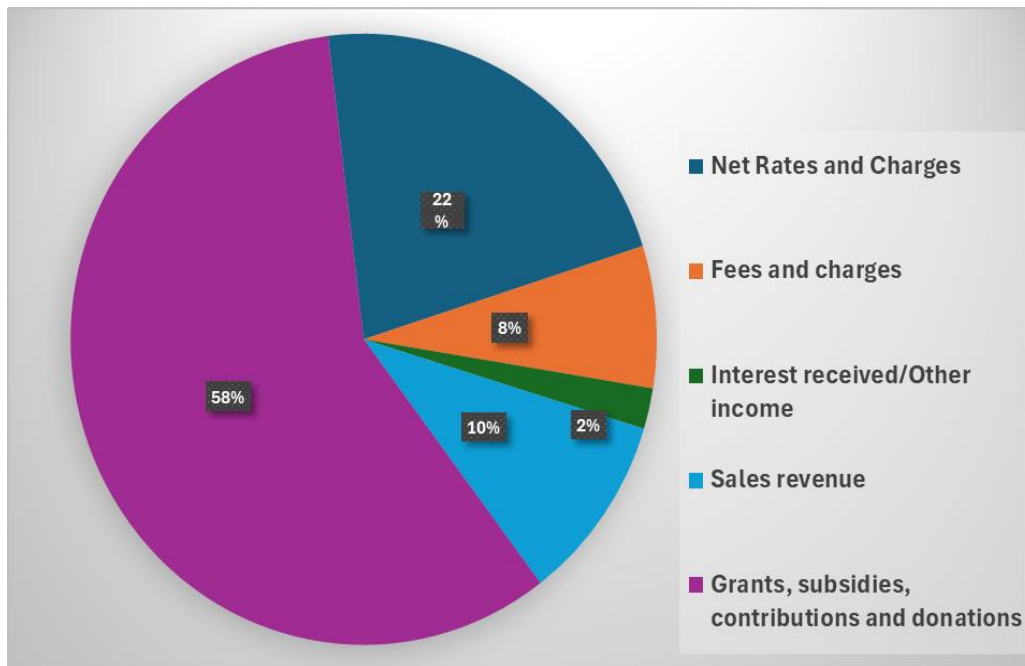
Account type	Amount
Total operating revenue	\$ 36,224,390
Total operating expenses	\$ 38,469,428
Net operating deficit	-\$ 2,245,038
Capital grant and other income	\$ 12,175,180
Net result	\$ 9,930,142

Council's operating income sources:

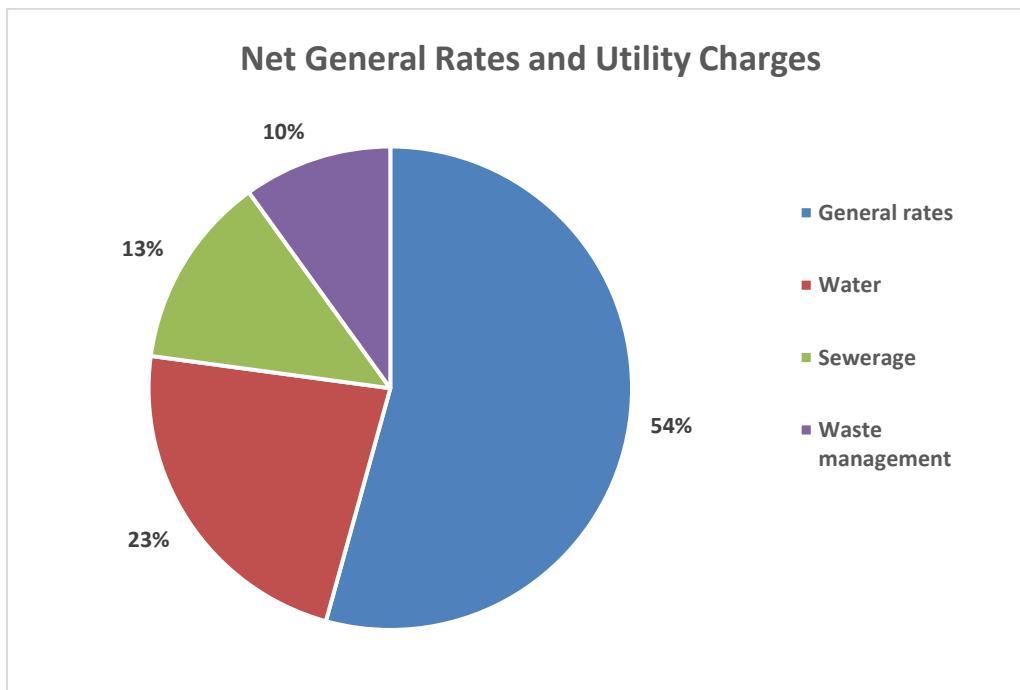
Account Description	Amount
Net Rates and Charges	\$ 7,971,570
Fees and charges	\$ 2,721,390
Interest received/Other income	\$ 781,230
Sales revenue	\$ 3,610,940
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	\$ 21,139,260
Total operating revenue	\$ 36,224,390

There are a number of income that Council receives on top of general rates and charges. For long term sustainability, Council will continue to develop its own source revenue such as fees and charges (both regulatory and commercial), delivery of works on behalf of external parties, interest income from cash reserves and ongoing rental income generation from council buildings.

As shown in the below graph, Council's dependency from government grants and subsidies represents 58 % including flood damage. This is well above rates and fees and charges, recoverable works, interest and other income added together.



Net general rates and utility charges



As shown in the above graph, council will generate 54 % of total rates and charges from the general rates.

Council will continue to allow a ten percent (10%) by way of a discount on rates and charges levied by Council, (excluding interest, fire levy and excess water charges).



The pensioner remissions will remain at \$400 pa.

Interest on rates will slightly go down from 12.35 % to 12.12%.

Council's operating expenses:

Account Description	Amount
Employee benefits	\$ 10,890,340
Materials and services	\$ 19,176,860
Finance costs	\$ 135,621
Depreciation and amortisation	\$ 8,266,607
Total operating expenses	\$ 38,469,428

The budget 2025-26 continues to deliver essential and key services to the community such as maintenance on roads, water and sewerage infrastructure and refuse management.

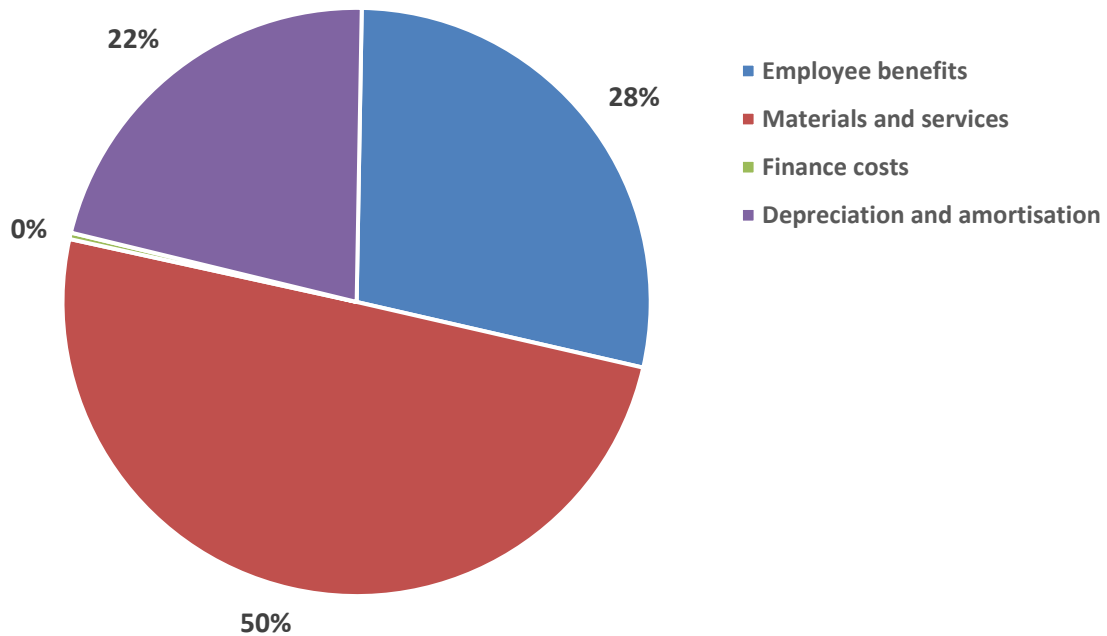
Below is the snapshot of how these funds will be allocated to key services across the shire (excluding depreciation).

Key services	Amount \$
Rural roads and town streets	
Operations and maintenance	3,869,988
Capital works	3,765,811
Water services	
Operations and maintenance	1,448,039
Capital works	1,000,000
Sewerage services	
Operations and maintenance	671,204
Capital works	6,345,478
Waste services	
Operations and maintenance	1,007,870

Council also provides recreational and hall facilities including the library for the community. Total estimated operational and maintenance expenditure for 2025-26 is \$ 1,401,364.

As shown in the graph below, Council will spend approximately 28% on salaries and wages, 50% on materials, services, and contractors, and less than 1% on loan interest and bank charges. Depreciation represents 22% of Council's total operating expenses.

Operating expenses 2025-26



Financial Sustainability ratios

In relation to the identified financial sustainability ratios for Murweh Shire Council, the budget 2025-26 results indicate the following ratios.

Type	Measure	Target	Jun-26 Budget	Jun-27F	Jun-28F	Jun-29F	Jun-30F	Jun-31F	Jun-32F	Jun-33F	Jun-34F	Jun-35F
Financial Capacity	Council Controlled Revenue Ratio	Contextual	30%	29%	29%	29%	29%	30%	30%	30%	30%	29%
	Population Growth Ratio	Contextual	-4.60%	1.85%	1.85%	1.85%	1.85%	1.85%	1.85%	1.85%	1.85%	1.85%
Operating Performance	Operating Surplus Ratio	Contextual	-6.2%	-4.2%	-2.9%	-1.6%	-0.3%	1.1%	2.7%	5.6%	8.3%	8.6%
	Operating Cash Ratio	> 0%	17%	19%	20%	21%	22%	23%	24%	26%	27%	27%
Liquidity	Unrestricted Cash Expense Cover Ratio	> 4 months	1.37	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Asset Management	Asset Sustainability Ratio	> 90%	76%	70%	70%	81%	68%	67%	68%	69%	69%	75%
	Asset Consumption Ratio	> 60%	77%	76%	76%	75%	75%	75%	75%	74%	74%	72%
Debt Servicing Capacity	Leverage Ratio	0-3 times	0.5 times	0.4 times	0.3 times	0.3 times	0.2 times	0.2 times	0.1 times	0.1 times	0.1 times	0.1 times