

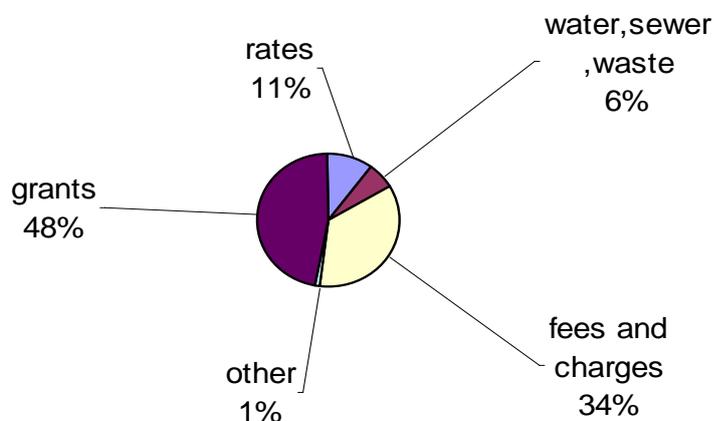
Services Council Provides and What They Cost



Where do our Funds Come From?

Council receives about \$2.7m in rates income and around \$2.5m from the Australian Government in untied grants. There is very little discretionary income above this. Other grants and income sources are for set purposes, such as roads maintenance, weed control or for the Rural Fire Service.

Council's Income Source



Cost of Service Provision

Cobar Shire Council provides a wide range of services. Most do not receive enough income to cover the cost of providing them, therefore it is a net cost to Council to provide the services. Where income such as user fees does not cover the cost of service provision, Council uses rates and grant income to cover the additional costs. Below is a list of some services that Council provides, and what they cost the community. The net cost to Council (income minus expenditure) includes the annual depreciation cost. This cost must be met while ever Council owns the asset, whether or not it is operational.

Service	Net <u>Cost</u> To Council
LBV	\$80,000
Aerodromes	\$86,468
Cobar Youth and Fitness Centre	\$189,720
Television Services	\$4,000
Public Cemeteries	\$42,400
Emergency Services	\$173,171
Noxious Weeds	\$56,040
Libraries	\$275,904
Tourism	\$161,172
Museum	\$194,636
Swimming Pool	\$374,954
Roads and Footpaths	\$2,972,551
Parks and Gardens	\$568,826

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Example of Operating Costs Increasing – Cobar Memorial Swimming Pool

Swimming Pool	Actual							Budget
	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Expenses								
Electricity	included in General Maintenance			\$18,871	\$64,178	\$49,965	\$56,595	\$63,250
Payment 50% extra income						\$5,956	\$5,783	\$7,400
Contract	\$96,493	\$98,435	\$60,013	\$55,000	\$56,726	\$145,800	\$163,711	\$170,000
General Maintenance	\$44,976	\$31,335	\$71,864	\$79,559	\$61,512	\$36,899	\$31,256	\$44,600
Water Cost	\$18,364	\$11,850	\$12,749	\$54,341	\$23,821	\$26,057	\$49,444	\$8,500
Water Slide	\$2,733	\$1,628	\$4,443	\$1,359	\$1,956	\$15,160	\$7,256	\$4,200
Chemicals	\$9,264	\$7,404	\$9,266	\$27,148	\$34,847	\$20,790	\$31,926	\$31,000
Telephone	\$1,362	\$870	\$1,684	\$409	\$503	\$529	\$482	\$520
Grounds				\$898	\$1,368	\$4,197	\$3,869	\$4,100
Equipment Maint	\$6,858		\$1,380	\$723	\$11,085	\$11,034	\$8,482	\$6,200
Insurance		\$6,565	\$7,222	\$11,408	\$12,751	\$12,495	\$11,963	\$12,400
Rates	\$9,127	\$6,701	\$6,833	\$6,933	\$7,214	\$7,421	\$7,678	\$5,400
Extra Lifesavers			\$924	\$14,400	\$27,384			
Depreciation	\$5,997	\$5,997	\$31,151	\$45,688	\$101,051	\$103,390	\$131,230	\$110,684
Total Expense	\$195,174	\$170,785	\$207,529	\$316,737	\$404,396	\$439,693	\$509,675	\$468,254
Income								
Admissions	\$7,032	\$6,067				\$25,444	\$21,643	\$29,000
Season Tickets						\$36,748	\$40,630	\$51,800
Water Slide Income	\$317	\$427					\$9,869	\$12,500
Total Income	\$7,349	\$6,494	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 62,192	\$ 72,142	\$93,300
Net Cost	\$187,825	\$164,291	\$207,529	\$316,737	\$404,396	\$377,501	\$ 437,533	\$374,954
Net Cost ex depreciation	\$181,828	\$158,294	\$176,378	\$271,049	\$303,345	\$274,111	\$ 306,303	\$264,270

Appendix 1