

**An autonomous, prosperous, and sustainable community and council.**

Council's 2024/25 Operational Budget Review- continuing to deliver for our 15 communities today while planning for tomorrow.

## 2024/25 Budget Review at a glance

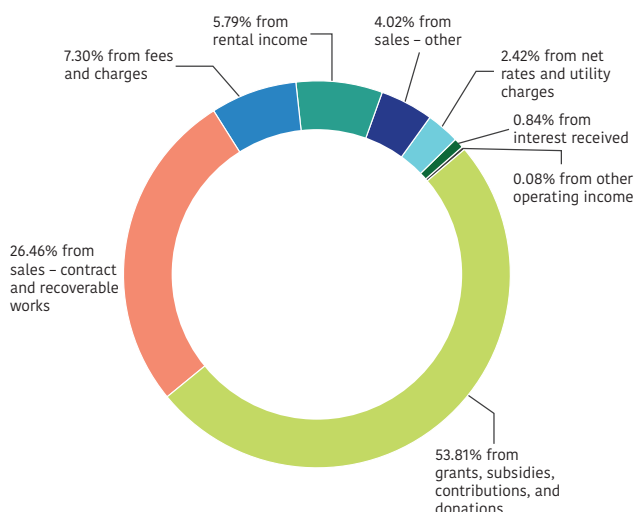
- \$51.1 million capital works program, supported by \$48.3 million in State and Commonwealth grants
- \$82.7 million operational spending, partially funded by \$37.5 million in own source revenue and \$43.8 million in operational grants
- \$1.4 million operating deficit

## Capital program highlights

- \$31.9 million – Community building upgrades, repairs, and maintenance
- \$6.5 million – Sabai school & Hospital Road
- \$11.1 million – Seawalls, Jetties, coastal defence, and flood prevention (several divisions)
- \$2.3 million – Mechanics Sheds (Several divisions)
- \$1.1 million – Resort upgrade (Warraber)
- \$3.4 million – Water infrastructure (Several divisions)
- \$3.9 million – Roads Betterment Projects (Several divisions)

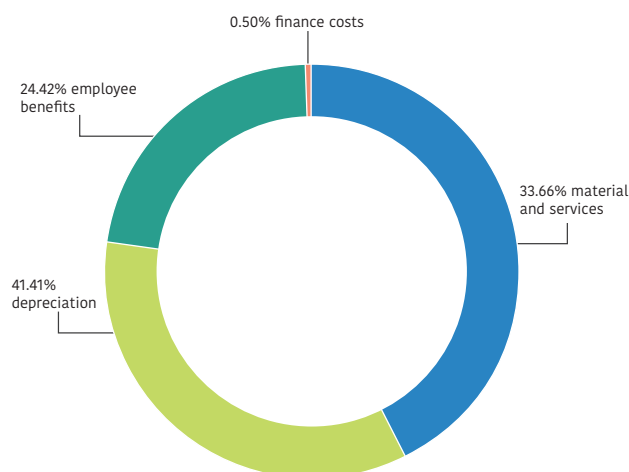
## Council's operational revenue

- Council will utilise a combination of fees & charges, contract & recoverable works, rental income, commercial property (own source revenue) and operational grants to fund the budget.
- The majority of funding is provided through State and Federal grants - similar to other indigenous councils in Queensland who cannot draw on rateable revenue.
- \$81,320,207 total operating revenue:



## Council's operational spending

- Council's departments deliver and operate services and projects to improve the overall quality of life in the Torres Strait Islands.
- Think fuel, roads, lighting, housing, water, sewerage, parks, libraries, and childcare, to name a few areas we contribute to!
- \$141,214,660 total operating expenses:





## Short-term considerations

- The Budget Review has been delivered amidst rising costs, reduced revenue, high inflation, and supply chain challenges.
- Despite these challenges, Council remains committed to delivering essential services and supporting our communities while minimising the financial burden on residents.
- Maintaining financial sustainability is important for Council. Short-term actions to enable this include:
  - Increasing advocacy and liaison with State and Commonwealth agencies.
  - Sourcing additional funding opportunities.
  - Exploring opportunities to deliver both cost efficiencies and enhance revenue making activities.
  - Identifying and improving business practices.
  - Evaluating and understanding the cost impacts of services that fall outside of the core services provided by Council.
  - Enhancing Council's approach to capital governance, planning and investment.



## Longer-term considerations

- Council will continue to focus on improving its financial sustainability.
- A continued focus area will be longer term planning, ensuring that the infrastructure and services provided by Council align with community needs.

